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Sweeping changes in Soviet leadership

Gromyko retires in power shake-up

MOSCOW, Sept 30, (Agencies): Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev engineered the most radical power shake-up of his political career today, retiring President Andrei Gromyko and shifting conservative rival Yegor Ligachev from ideology to farming.

At an urgently-summoned meeting of the Communist Party central committee, Gorbachev gave a new job to KGB chief Viktor Chebrikov and removed four other top figures, including senior foreign affairs expert Anatoly Dobrynin, from the leadership.

Gromyko's retirement from the Politburo appeared to set the stage for his removal from the presidency, possibly clearing the way for Gorbachev to seek election to a new, more powerful presidency called for at a Communist Party conference in June.

The Kremlin's new ideology chief, Vadim Medvedev, told a news conference the shifts represented a clear gain for Gorbachev in his perestroika reform drive.

Steadily

"The course of perestroika is advancing steadily," Medvedev, 59, declared after announcing the changes. He said the 300-strong central committee had met for less than an hour and approved the stunning reshuffle unanimously.

Gromyko, 79, served as foreign minister for 28 years before moving into the ceremonial post of President in 1985. He served under every Soviet leader except Vladimir Lenin.

The four men who retired alongside Gromyko were Mikhail Solomentsev, Pyotr Demichev, Vladimir Dolgikh and Dobrynin.

Solomentsev, like Gromyko, was a full member of the party's ruling Politburo and headed the party's powerful watchdog body.

Dolgikh and Demichev were candidate (non-voting) members of the body, and Dobrynin was a central committee secretary who earlier served for 24 years as Soviet ambassador to Washington.

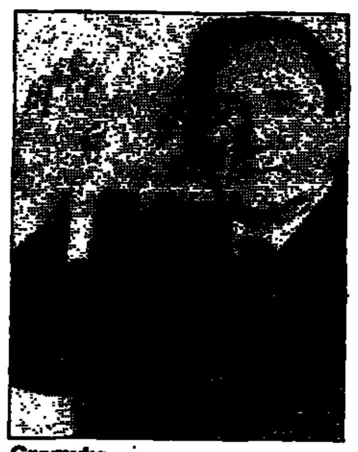
Medvedev, who announced his own promotion into the Politburo, said Ligachev, 67, would become head of a new permanent central committee commission on agriculture.

Aspects

At the same time Medvedev became head of a new commission on ideology — apparently shifting Ligachev from the role of top ideologist that gave him real power in the Kremlin.

Ligachev became ideology chief and effective Kremlin number two in April 1985, one month after Gorbachev took office. But his conservative approach to many aspects of reform made him appear at odds with the Kremlin leader.

In his new post, Ligachev will oversee party policy on improving food supplies, a Gorbachev


Gromyko

priority and one of the toughest problems on the reform agenda.

Chebrikov, who also indicated alarm that democratisation under Gorbachev might be getting out of hand, was appointed a secretary of the central committee and head of a new commission on legal policy.

This signalled his impending departure from the KGB security police — possibly at an urgent session of the Supreme Soviet, the country's parliament, tomorrow.

Ranks

The parliamentary session will almost certainly also choose a successor to Gromyko as President and to Demichev, a former culture minister who until today was first vice-president.

Promoted to the candidate ranks of the Politburo were Interior Minister Alexander Vlasov, Anatoly Lukyanov and Alexandra Biryukova.

The last two were previously central committee secretaries. Biryukova is the first woman to reach such a high level in the Kremlin ranks for some two decades.

All five who stepped down, Medvedev said, were retiring on pension. He told reporters that Gorbachev himself announced to the plenum that Gromyko wanted to retire.

"Comrade Gorbachev noted the merits and achievements of comrade Gromyko before the party and the Soviet state and wished him all the best," the new Politburo member said.

In a speech to the meeting reported by Tass, 79-year-old Gromyko said he was sad to be leaving the leadership "but age is a stubborn thing and one has to take it into account."

Convinced

The veteran figure, a fixture on the world diplomatic scene for almost five decades, expressed his "decisive support" for the policies promoted by Gorbachev.

"I am deeply convinced that the course taken towards a revolutionary restructuring of the entire life of the country is the only correct and scientifically founded one," he declared.

But many analysts say the new foreign policy adopted by Gorbachev and Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze had left Gromyko looking increasingly uncomfortable recently.

A UN Interim Forces armoured personnel carrier passes under a banner in Lebanon. (Reuter wirephoto)

UN peacekeeping forces win Nobel peace prize

OSLO, Sept 30, (Reuter): United Nations peacekeeping forces, whose blue-helmeted soldiers risk their lives policing world flashpoints and conflict zones, won the 1988 Nobel peace prize yesterday.

Nobel committee spokesman Egil Aarvik told a news conference the $388,000 award was intended to strengthen the authority of the peacekeepers and of the world body as a whole.

"We want to give more prestige to these forces, and through them to the United Nations," he said.

A delighted UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said he would come to Oslo to receive the award in the traditional December prize-giving ceremony. It was the first Nobel peace award to a unit of the UN since 1981 when the office for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees was honoured.

Fragile

UN multi-national forces have been stationed in several Middle East trouble spots for years. Only last month, a new unit, of about 350 military observers and several hundred military and civilian support staff, took up position in the Gulf to monitor a fragile ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war.

"The peacekeeping forces are recruited from among the young people of many nations who, in keeping with their ideals, voluntarily take on a demanding and hazardous service in the cause of peace," the Nobel citation said.

One of the toughest jobs taken on by UN forces has been in southern Lebanon, where a 6,000-strong force has had the almost impossible task of trying to keep the peace between a bewildering number of militias as well as separating Israelis from Palestinians.

In 1982, they were powerless to prevent Israeli tanks rolling through their lines in an invasion of Lebanon aimed at driving the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) out of the country.

In Naquora, south Lebanon, a spokesman for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), Timor Goksel, told Reuters: "We are absolutely delighted and elated with the news and we feel it is a great day for UNIFIL after all these really hard times in Lebanon."

Doubted

He said the Nobel prize was a "good answer" for all those who doubted the effectiveness of the UN peacekeeping force.

Israeli leaders have often accused UNIFIL of failing to prevent attacks against their northern border. UNIFIL in turn has blamed Israeli troops for hampering its duties.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry said in a statement: "Even more than a prize for existing achievements, this is a testimony of the yearning for peace and understanding between peoples."

In Oslo, Aarvik said the five-member Nobel committee of Norwegian academics and politicians was pleased that the United Nations had recently gained increased world-wide respect.

"We think they are on the right track, and are happy that the world community in this way recognises the UN as a true instrument of peace," he said.

Tipped

The United Nations and several of its agencies had been tipped for the prize in a year in which the world body has done much to transform its former image as a cockpit of Third World radicalism and bureaucratic waste.

Perez de Cuellar was nominated too late to be considered for this year's award. But he said: "It is one of the most brilliant decisions taken by the committee of the Nobel prize."

UK, Iran to resume full diplomatic ties

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 30, (Agencies): Britain and Iran have agreed to resume full diplomatic relations and details will be worked out by officials of the two countries, British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said today.

He made the announcement after a 45-minute meeting at UN headquarters with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati that was preceded by talks in Geneva this week between British and Iranian officials.

"We recorded the fact that delegations from both governments have been meeting in Geneva. As a result, both sides have decided to resume full diplomatic representation on the basis of reciprocity and mutual respect," Howe told reporters.

Freeze

Although diplomatic relations between the two countries were not severed, they entered a deep freeze last year after an Iranian envoy was arrested in Manchester for alleged shoplifting and a British diplomat was beaten up in Tehran.

Both countries then reduced their diplomatic establishment to one diplomat in each capital.

But while Iran has a charge d'affaires in London serving under the Iranian flag, Britain has sent in only an occasional diplomat who must work out of the Swedish embassy's British interests section.

Britain withdrew its embassy staff at the end of 1979 after the United States embassy was seized by revolutionary groups who took American diplomats hostage.

Howe said detailed arrangements would now be worked out by officials of the two countries, adding: "We intend to resume full diplomatic representation in due course, but of course we proceed there by stages."

Velayati was less specific when he spoke to reporters separately, saying only that both sides had expressed satisfaction at the talks in Geneva "and we leave matters for them to continue their talks on details."

A British spokesman confirmed the follow-up talks would take place in Geneva.

He said the next stage in repairing diplomatic ties would be to send a charge d'affaires to Tehran to take over the British embassy premises.

In the early 1980s, Britain had fewer than 20 diplomats working out of the interests section of the Swedish embassy.

Sabah

Sheikh Sabah, the Kuwaiti Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, said the decision by the two countries to resume full diplomatic ties is "useful" inasmuch as it may give Britain more leverage in efforts to speed up peace negotiations between Iraq and Iran.

Sheikh Sabah made his comment as he emerged from a meeting with Sir Geoffrey.

Asked if the decision would facilitate the release of British hostages, Sir Geoffrey said, there is no connection to the decision taken by both governments and the hostage situation.

2 die in Hebron clashes

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept 30, (Reuter): Two Palestinians were shot dead and five wounded in clashes with Jewish settlers and troops in the Israeli-occupied West Bank town of Hebron today, Arab and hospital sources said.

They said Kayed Hussein Salah, 42, was killed by two bullets in the chest after Arab protesters stoned the car of settlers' leader Rabbi Moshe Levinger in the ancient city centre.

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Pakistani court blocks bid to revive assembly

ISLAMABAD, Sept 30, (Reuter): The Pakistani Supreme Court today banned any attempt to recall the National Assembly dissolved by late President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq in May.

The official APP news agency said the court passed an interim order restraining speaker Hamid Nasir Chattha or any other member of the lower house of Parliament from trying to summon the assembly.

Zia sacked Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo and dissolved the national and four provincial assemblies on May 29 saying the government had failed to control lawlessness.

On Tuesday a five-judge bench of the Lahore High Court said Zia's actions were not sustainable in law although elections due in November should go ahead.

Speaker Chattha said the verdict meant the National Assembly was automatically revived and summoned the 237-seat house to meet on Sunday.

But Attorney-General Aziz Munshi went back to court today to ask leave to appeal against the Lahore verdict and the Supreme Court said it was suspending the High Court decision pending a full hearing.

There was no immediate reaction from Chattha to the latest twist in Pakistan's constitutional crisis, which began with Zia's May 29 move and worsened with the President's death in a mysterious air crash on Aug 17.

Ghulam Ishaq Khan, who took over as acting President after Zia's death, has said he will go ahead with elections due on Nov 16 but leave the courts to decide whether political parties should directly contest the polls.

Zia declared no parties would be able to put up candidates, but the opposition Pakistan People's Party begins another Supreme Court battle on Sunday to have the decision overturned.

Curfew clamped on Hyderabad

60 killed as gunmen open fire on crowds

KARACHI, Sept 30, (Reuter): At least 60 people were killed and 150 wounded today when gunmen opened fire indiscriminately on crowds in the southern Pakistani city of Hyderabad, hospital doctors and eyewitnesses said.

An indefinite curfew was clamped on the city and its satellite town of Latifabad, the official APP news agency said.

Large numbers of troops moved into the town, the second biggest city in Sind province, to enforce the curfew, witnesses said.

Injured

The motive for the attack was not immediately clear. But more than 60 people have been killed in Hyderabad since June in ethnic fighting between native Sindhis and Mohajir immigrants.

The gunmen attacked simultaneously in four or five different places in the city in the evening today, the weekly rest day in Pakistan, the witnesses said.

In one area, a small van crammed with heavily-armed gunmen stopped outside a cinema and opened fire on people on the streets. Four were killed and another injured.

The independent news agency PPI said five people in a wedding party from Karachi, including a woman doctor, were killed in another attack.

Doctors said at least 60 people had been killed and the death toll was likely to rise as many of the injured were badly hurt. Troops were also sent into hospitals after firing broke out there, they said.

The hospitals issued urgent appeals for blood donors, but people were hampered from coming forward by the curfew.

Winter time

BAGHDAD, Sept 30, (Reuter): Iraq will turn its clocks back by one hour at 1 am tomorrow (2100 GMT on Friday) for winter, putting the country three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

Kuwait reopens Tehran embassy

TWO Kuwaiti diplomats are in Tehran and have reopened their embassy there in a major step toward normalising relations between the two northern Gulf states who were on the brink of war a few months ago, a senior Iranian diplomat said on Thursday.

Mohammad Faroughy, Iran's Charge d'Affaires in Kuwait, told the Associated Press that relations between the Gulf neighbours were warming rapidly following the Aug 20 ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war.

Kuwait expelled five Iranian diplomats in September last year, reducing Iran's embassy staff to Faroughy and an aide, after mobs stormed the Kuwaiti embassy in Tehran following riots in the holy city of Makkah in Saudi Arabia.

Expect

But Kuwait stopped short of actually severing relations with Tehran as Saudi Arabia did later, citing Iranian subversion and terrorism.

Well-informed sources said the Kuwaiti diplomats in Tehran are a charge d'affaires and a counsellor, putting Kuwaiti representation on a par with Iran's.

The sources said they expect both countries to gradually increase the size of their representations.

The improvement in relations, which has been building up for several months, is part of a regional stabilisation set in motion by Iran's July 18 unconditional acceptance of the United Nations-sponsored ceasefire and peace talks to end the eight-year-old Gulf war.

Faroughy, asked when the Kuwaitis arrived in the Iranian capital, said: "A short time ago."

He added: "We maintain good relations with Kuwait and there are no obstacles that hinder normalisation."

The move came after Kuwait's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Al Osaimi, expressed Kuwait's keenness to normalise relations with Iran.

Saudi Arabia executes four for sabotage

RIYADH, Sept 30, (Reuter): Four Saudi Arabians were beheaded today for sabotage and collaborating with Iran, an Interior Ministry statement said.

The statement quoted by the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said the four men were executed in the Gulf coast city of Dammam in the country's eastern province.

Captured

It said they had planted explosives at a petrochemical plant at Jubail on the Gulf coast and accused them of "collaborating with a foreign regime — Iran — to implement its evil aims to destroy their country's installations and shake the economy...."

Oil industry sources had reported a fire at the petrochemical plant in late March which led to its closure.

Saudi Arabia broke diplomatic relations with Iran last April following 1987 riots in Holy Makkah involving Iranian pilgrims in which over 400 people died.

The statement said security forces first captured Mohammed Bin Abdallah Bin Ali Al Qarous but gave no date.

It said the other three, identified as Ali Bin Abdallah Bin Ali Al Khatem, Azher Bin Ali Al Hajjaj and Khalid Bin Abdel Hamid Bin Hassan Al Alak, had fled but were spotted during an identity check in early August.

They were captured in a house in the eastern province town of Al Qatif after a fight in which they killed a security officer, the statement reported.

"After interrogation they admitted their crimes," it said.

Criminals are normally executed in public with a sword after the main noon prayers on a Friday.

Christie cleared of doping

SEOUL, Sept 30, (Reuter): British sprinter Linford Christie was cleared today of doping, despite a drugs test, and will keep his 100 metres silver medal, a senior Olympic official said.

"He has been completely cleared. He can run tomorrow," Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the International Olympic Committee medical commission, told reporters.

But the medical commission recommended that a second British athlete, Kerrith Brown, be stripped of his judo bronze medal and thrown out of the Seoul Games for using drugs, a British team official said.

Brown failed a drug test which showed up the banned diuretic furosemide, Caroline Searle of the British Olympic Association told reporters.

De Merode said Christie was cleared by a "very large majority" with some abstentions. But the decision on Brown was unanimous.

Searle said Christie had insisted he had taken no banned substances.

Christie, 28, who collected the 100 metres silver medal after Canadian Ben Johnson was disqualified for taking steroids, was summoned to the medical commission to explain the presence of the stimulant pseudoephedrine in his urine.

Searle said Christie had told British officials he had "taken certain health products" including ginseng which his doctors knew about and recommended. He disclosed this at the time of his dope test.

Aoun warning

BEIRUT, Sept 30, (Reuter): Lebanon's Army commander, head of a Christian military cabinet vying for power with a rival Muslim-led government, threatened his opponents today with all-out war.

General Michel Aoun, speaking hours after his soldiers clashed with Druze militiamen southeast of Beirut, told Reuters: "I wish to warn those playing with fire.

Olympics medals table

SEOUL, Sept 30, (Reuter): Medals table after the 14th day of the Olympics (tabulate under gold, silver, bronze):

Soviet Union	44	26	42
East Germany	33	29	24
United States	27	22	24
West Germany	10	12	12
Hungary	10	5	6
Bulgaria	9	11	11
Romania	6	10	6
South Korea	6	6	9
France	5	3	5
China	4	10	10
Britain	4	8	9
Italy	4	4	4
Australia	3	4	4
Japan	3	3	6
Czechoslovakia	3	3	1
New Zealand	3	1	8
Poland	2	5	9
Yugoslavia	2	4	4
Norway	2	3	0
Netherlands	2	2	4
Kenya	2	1	2
Denmark	2	1	1
Canada	1	1	5
Brazil	1	1	3
Finland	1	1	2
Morocco	1	0	2
Spain	1	0	2
Austria	1	0	0
Portugal	1	0	0
Surinam	1	0	0
Turkey	1	0	0
Sweden	0	3	6
Switzerland	0	2	2
Chile	0	1	0
Costa Rica	0	1	0
Jamaica	0	1	0
N. Antilles	0	1	0
Peru	0	1	0
Senegal	0	1	0
US Virgin Islands	0	1	0
Belgium	0	0	2
Mexico	0	0	2
Colombia	0	0	1
Greece	0	0	1
Mongolia	0	0	1
Pakistan	0	0	1
Philippines	0	0	1
Thailand	0	0	1

Defence bill

WASHINGTON, Sept 30, (AP): President Reagan has signed a $300-billion defence authorisation, the White House announced today.

The House of Representatives approved the revised measure 369-48 on Wednesday.

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Ahmadi: 38°C 100°F
Failaka: 37°C 98°F
Maximum temperature expected:
Kuwait: 40°C 104°F
Ahmadi: 38°C 100°F
Failaka: 37°C 99°F
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Ahmadi: 32 per cent
Failaka: 34 per cent
Maximum humidity expected:
Kuwait: 24 per cent
Ahmadi: 34 per cent
Failaka: 36 per cent

Hijacker shot dead, passengers released

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept 30, (Agencies): A gunman hijacked a Brazilian jetliner on a domestic flight yesterday, killing the co-pilot and wounding two other crewmen, then wounded a fourth crewman and was shot to death by police hours later when he tried to change planes.

The 98 passengers left behind on the hijacked Vasp airliner were reported safe by authorities after the gunman was killed at the airport in Goiania, 125 miles (200 km) south of the federal capital of Brasilia.

The hijacker, who was not identified, had agreed to exchange his Boeing 737 full of passengers for a twin-engine plane belonging to the Brazilian Air Force, spokesman Col Eden Asvolinsque said.

Asvolinsque said shooting broke out as the hijacker attempted to switch planes, using the pilot and another crewman as human shields.

Suspect

The gunman shot the pilot in the leg when he saw armed security forces posted around the plane, and fled on foot into underbrush near the airfield. Squads of federal police and Air Force troops quickly surrounded the suspect and shot him to death, Asvolinsque said.

The eight-hour ordeal began at about 10:47 am, 20 minutes after the Vasp airliner took off from Confins airport at Belo Horizonte, 220 miles (350 km) north of Rio de Janeiro.

The gunman burst into the cockpit and shot co-pilot Salvador Evangelista and wounded two other crewmen. At 1:45 pm, the plane — nearly out of fuel — landed at Goiania, and authorities began negotiating with the suspect.

"The hijacker told negotiators he wanted to settle accounts with the President over the country's economic policies," Air Force Minister Octavio Moreira Lima told the Associated Press in Brasilia. "He is a psychopath."

In Goiania, 850 miles (1,370 kilometres) northwest of Rio federal police chief Romey Tuma said Conceicao told the control tower he wanted to "slam the Boeing 737 into a ministry building in Brasilia."

"He told the control tower he was against the government's economic policies. He didn't make any other demands." Morton Luiz, a spokesman for the state police in Goiania, said.

Discovery launches satellite into orbit

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Sept 30, (Agencies): A crucial $100 million NASA communications satellite launched by the crew of the shuttle Discovery was safely fired into its final orbit early today in a major success for the first post-Challenger flight.

Discovery's five-man crew launched the 4,900-pound (2.2-ton) tracking and data relay satellite, or TDRS, at 5:50 pm yesterday, six hours and 13 minutes after their triumphant 11:37 am blastoff on the first American manned space flight in more than 2-1/2 years.

Capping the successful shuttle launch, the satellite's second-stage booster successfully fired at 12:07 am (0407 GMT) today to put the relay station into its proper orbit 22,300 miles (33,900 km) over the equator.

Testing

After about 50 days of on-orbit testing, the satellite, identical to one destroyed in the Challenger disaster, will work with another TDRS already in orbit to greatly improve communications between shuttle crews, ground control and other spacecraft.

"The TDRS deploy could not have been better today," said a NASA spokeswoman.

Discovery's crew — commander Frederick Hauck, 47, co-pilot Richard Covey, 42, John "Mike" Lounge, 42, David Hilmers, 38, and George "Pinky" Nelson, 38 — was awakened at 5:37 am (0937 GMT) by a taped message from comedian Robin Williams that was provided by a Houston radio station, NASA said.

The astronauts were ordered to shed some of their clothes and drink plenty of fluids today to avoid dehydration in temperatures that reached as high as 86 degrees Fahrenheit (30 degrees Celsius) in parts of the spaceship.

The cooling system went on the blink yesterday only hours after Discovery blasted off from Cape Canaveral on the first manned US space mission since the 1986 Challenger disaster.

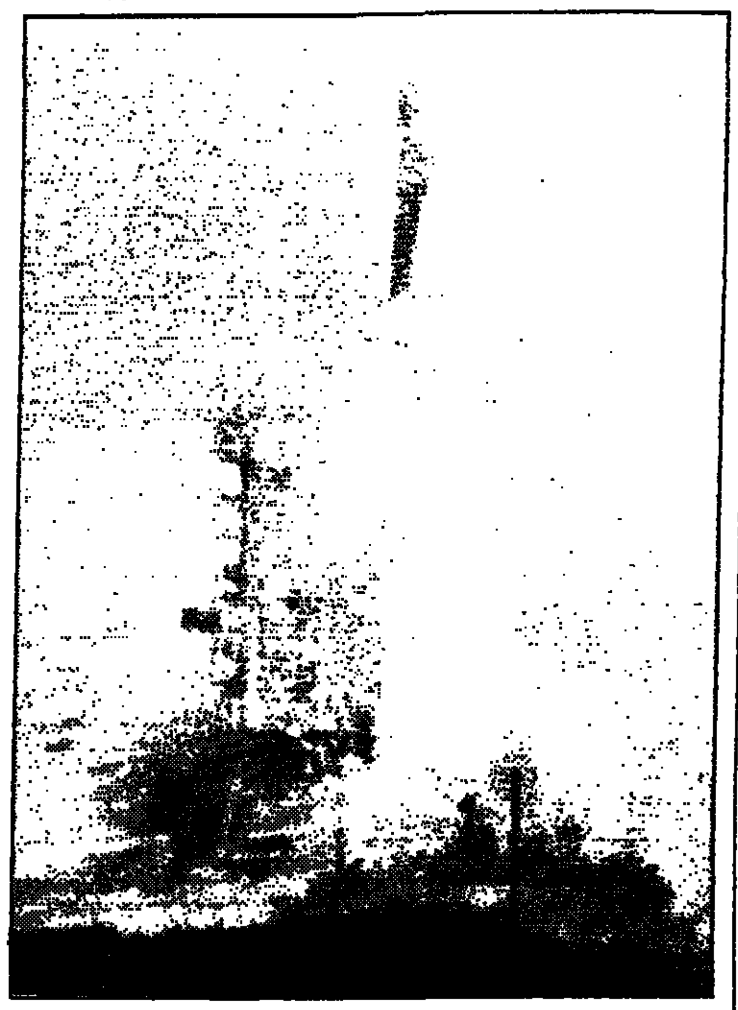
Officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said privately that if the cooling system failed completely they might have to consider shortening the four-day mission.

But flight director Chuck Shaw said cooling ducts had apparently become iced over, and he was confident they could be thawed out.

Mission

"The cabin's a little warm" he told reporters at mission control in Houston. He added that the crew had not complained about the high temperatures.

One of the main objectives of the four-day mission is to check out the complex systems of the rebuilt spaceship, and NASA officials said most other components appeared to be performing well.



Space shuttle Discovery clears the launch pad in Cape Canaveral, Florida. (Reuter wirephoto)

2 die in Hebron clashes

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Levinger's wife Miriam told Reuters her husband fired twice into the air after some 30 youths smashed the car windows with rocks and bottles and injured their 21-year-old son. She said he did not kill or wound anyone.

Arab residents alleged Levinger fired his pistol into the crowd but Israeli police, who released him after questioning, also said he fired into the air.

Fatal

The Army said other settlers and troops also shot in the air and it was not clear who fired the fatal shots.

Residents said Salah, a shopkeeper, was hit by stray bullets and was not involved in the clashes.

Troops shot Zayn Muhammed Hafez Karaki, 18, twice during clashes near a Hebron mosque, his family said. The Army was holding Karaki's body and would not release it, they said.

The Army said it was checking reports of that incident.

Troops declared Hebron a closed military area and barred reporters from the town, where about 200 ultra-nationalist Jewish settlers live behind barbed wire fences under Army guard in the midst of some 80,000 Palestinian residents.

Reconcile

PLO leader Yasser Arafat is trying to reconcile nationalist and Muslim fundamentalist movements vying for control of a Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation, sources in both groups say.

A growing Islamic resistance movement, known by the Arabic acronym Hamas, has challenged the dominant PLO-backed unified national leadership of the uprising, calling for rival strikes and cautioning against political concessions to Israel.

The sources said intensive efforts were under way, inside the occupied territories and abroad, to co-ordinate the two movements and prevent Israel from exploiting their differences.

US denies secret deal to free hostages

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept 30, (AP): An Israeli newspaper reported today that eight American captives and one British hostage held in Lebanon would be released in October following secret talks between the United States and Iran.

In exchange for the release, Washington would provide economic aid, gradually release billions of dollars in Iranian funds frozen in US banks and resume diplomatic relations with Tehran, the English-language weekly The Nation said in a report from Geneva.

The US State Department denied the report and said no negotiations have been held.

"There have been no such meetings," said department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley. "The story is not true. It is all false."

In an unattributed report, The Nation, which has been publishing only four weeks, said that the secret negotiations between Tehran and Washington began in Geneva on Monday.

The Iranian delegation told US representatives that pro-Iranian Shiite Muslims holding the hostages in Lebanon demanded $3 million in ransom and immunity from prosecution, The Nation said.

The report said that the American delegates responded they were not in a position to pay ransom.

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Big five urge flexibility in Gulf peace talks

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 30, (Agencies): The foreign ministers of the five permanent Security Council members called on Iran and Iraq to show restraint and flexibility in their negotiations for an end to the Gulf war.

The appeal came in a statement issued after a meeting between Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and the foreign ministers of the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, China and France, here for the General Assembly.

Expressing support for the UN chief's peace-making efforts, the five said Iran and Iraq now had the opportunity to reach a comprehensive, just, honourable and durable peace.

"They urged the need for substantive and continuous talks, and, in this respect, they welcomed the decision to continue the talks on Oct 1," the statement said. "They called on both sides to display restraint, flexibility and readiness to search for mutually acceptable solutions."

The age-old dispute between Iran and Iraq over the Shatt Al Arab border waterway is likely to bar a breakthrough in Gulf war peace talks, Arab and Western diplomats in the region said.

"I do not see either party adopting a position ... that could speed up the talks," said a Western ambassador. "The best hope is for the rather tense no war, no peace situation to continue."

Baghdad, seeking to capitalise on current military superiority, has thrust the Shatt Al Arab to the forefront of talks.

Iran moved three warships to the northern Gulf, shipping sources said yesterday.

Shippers said the warships were near the disputed Shatt Al Arab waterway, at the head of the Gulf, and also near the site where a US F-14A fighter jet crashed earlier this week.

Permanently manned space station

WASHINGTON, Sept 30, (Agencies): The United States and 11 allied countries signed an agreement yesterday to build a $23-billion permanently manned space station designed to serve as a stepping-stone for human exploration of the solar system.

The facility, known as Space Station Freedom, will be designed, developed, operated and used by all the partners, which include nine European allies, Japan and Canada, in addition to the United States.

The United States is providing $16 billion to the programme and the other partners are contributing more than $7 billion. The agreement was formalised at a State Department signing ceremony at which Secretary of State George Shultz presided.

Richard Smith, a State Department scientist, told reporters the project is "clearly the world's largest ever international venture and certainly one of the most complex."

Meanwhile, in Moscow, Pravda reported today that the Soviet Union is conducting systems checks at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Central Asia for the launch of its first space shuttle.

No date has been announced for the unmanned maiden launch of the shuttle, but Soviet space officials said it would take place later this year.

UN mission failing, say Soviets

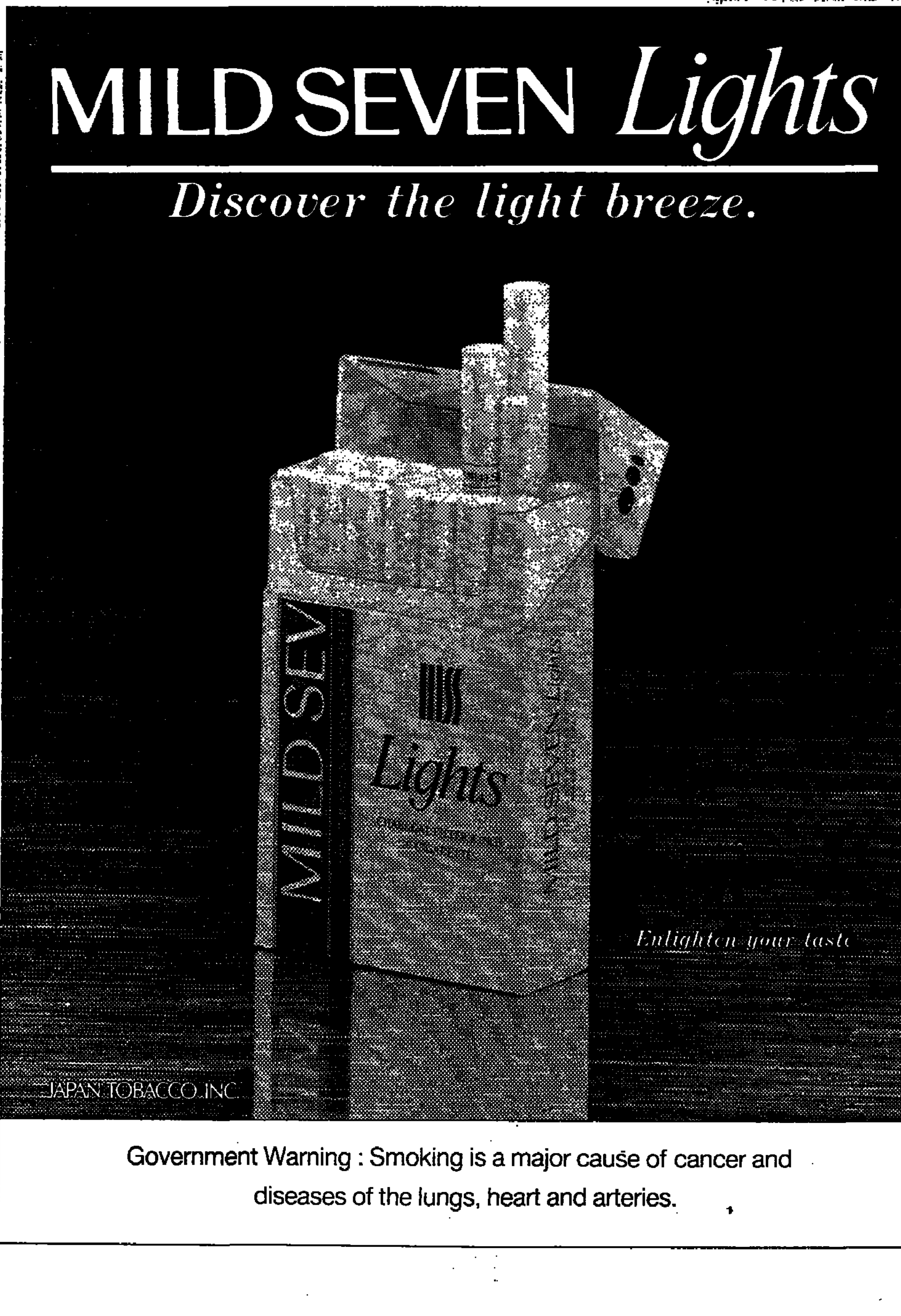
UNITED NATIONS, Sept 30, (Reuter): The Soviet Union said UN observers in Afghanistan were failing to do their job and cited specific violations it said threatened the peace accord.

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said yesterday the United Nations good offices mission in Afghanistan and Pakistan (UNGOMAP) "was not doing its job properly" and lacked sufficient control over the situation.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze presented a list of the violations at a meeting of the Security Council's five permanent members and the secretary-general on Wednesday night.

"We were not really satisfied with the response," Gerasimov said. "We are concerned that the violations by Pakistan go without proper reaction from the United Nations."

Soviet officials had made charges before about violations of the UN peace accord by Pakistan and the US-backed Afghan mujahedeen guerrillas, but this was the first time they listed specific complaints.



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Iran shelves bill to dissolve Revolutionary Guards force

ATHENS, Sept 30, (UPI): The Iranian Parliament has shelved for at least six months a bill to merge the Revolutionary Guards Corps and the regular Army, a Tehran resident said yesterday.

The resident, reached by telephone from Athens and speaking on condition of anonymity, quoted the Tehran newspaper Ettelaat as saying a stormy debate broke out in Parliament when the government last week tabled a bill to merge the Guards with the regular Army.

Critics of the bill said it amounted to a dissolution of the Revolutionary Guards Corps, the Paramilitary force which was designed in 1979 to "Guard the Revolution" and keep the ruling clerics in power.

The Majlis or Parliament on Wednesday decided to postpone debate on the bill for six months after ruling it was still unclear whether or not the war with Iraq was over, Ettelaat said.

Controversy

Prime Minister Mir Hossein Musavi's government tabled the bill in the Majlis amid heated controversy in Iran's capital about the role of the guards in the Gulf war.

The Guards have been criticised for losing the war, as a result of having insisted on using human wave tactics against the advice of regular Army commanders.

Repeated use of human waves tactics against well fortified Iraqi forces between 1982 and 1987 resulted in heavy losses of personnel whom Iran was not able to replace.

The Guards were also criticised in Parliament over the past week for massive desertions from the front, and for jockeying for safe jobs in cities well-removed from the frontline, Tehran sources who asked not to be identified said.

In early June, spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini ordered the Revolutionary Guards Corps to be fully merged with the regular armed forces.

Khomeini issued the order while appointing Majlis Speaker Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani deputy supreme commander of the armed forces.

Decision to follow border talks

Taba awarded to Egypt

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept 30, (Reuter): Israel and Egypt will hold negotiations on marking the final international border at a disputed Red Sea beach strip after Israeli general elections in November, Israel Radio said today.

The broadcast said the Israeli and Egyptian delegations agreed to heed an American request to wait until after the Nov 1 poll before resolving final arrangements for Taba, a 700-metre (760-yard) coastal strip.

The five-member panel said that a disputed border marker in Taba belonged to Egypt. But it did not draw a border from the marker to the coastline, which covers an area of some 200 metres and could be drawn to include the hotel and resort.

It was unclear if Israel would try to convince Egypt in negotiations to draw the border line to include the hotel and resort in Israeli territory.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said the final border at Taba would be determined in negotiations but Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Israel would stand by its commitment to accept the panel's verdict.

Israel and Egypt were also due to discuss arrangements for ownership and access to the hotel and resort if they came under Egyptian sovereignty. Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Boutros Boutros Ghali, said Egypt would buy the hotel.

Election issue

Israel held on to Taba in 1982 when it returned the rest of the Sinai desert to Egypt under their 1979 peace treaty.

Egypt's victory in the arbitration has become an election issue in Israel, with Shamir's right-wing Likud Bloc blaming Peres's Labour Party for the loss of Taba.

Labour politicians in turn said the Likud refused to accept compromises offered by Egypt before the arbitration verdict.

Shamir said last night that the arbitration verdict showed Israel should not use international forums to solve its problems — a reference to his opposition to an international Middle East peace conference favoured by Peres.

"Israel is not interested in any international arbitration — not in territorial matters and not in any other matters. Compromise and direct talks are the best way," he told the radio.

Shamir opposes a Middle East conference on grounds it could force Israel to give up the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, captured from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East war.

Pakistan faces new flood threat

LAHORE, Sept 30, (AP): Army helicopters dropped food packages to stranded villagers Thursday as flash floods moved south through eastern Pakistan and a river started rising dangerously.

Government officials said more than 800,000 people were affected as the Ravi and Chenab rivers overflowed their banks in Punjab province following heavy rains up north in disputed Kashmir.

Eleven deaths were confirmed by Thursday.

Flood waters were receding in northern Punjab, officials said, but the Sutlej river, which flows from India, was rising on the Pakistani side, threatening vast areas of the eastern lowlands.

The Sutlej, only a trickle since India built a dam on it 30 years ago, was becoming a torrent, officials said.

Meantime, thousands of people remained perched on rooftops in central Punjab where Army helicopters and motorboats delivered relief supplies, and thousands were vaccinated against cholera and typhoid.

Ershad, Rajiv agree to seek flood control

NEW DELHI, Sept 30, (Reuter): India and Bangladesh, after years of wrangling, agreed on Thursday to seek a way of controlling annual floods that devastate both countries.

A statement issued after more than six hours of talks between Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Bangladesh President Hossein Mohammed Ershad said they agreed to set up a joint task force to recommend solutions within six months.

Floods have killed more than 2,600 people in Bangladesh in recent weeks and hundreds more in India.

Indian officials described the agreement as a breakthrough. Ershad had proposed a region-wide attempt at controlling monsoon-swollen rivers that rage down from the Himalayas but New Delhi rejected such a move.

Tragedy

"They have come off that high horse of theirs of blaming India for everything," a senior Indian official said.

The agreement is to study how to control the waters of both the mighty Brahmaputra and the smaller Ganges which flow through both countries.

Meanwhile, a rescue attempt in flood-swept northern India turned to tragedy when a boat capsized and drowned 22 people.

Police said only four of the 26 people aboard the boat managed to swim to safety after Wednesday night's accident near the Punjab state city of Jullunder.

The floods, now receding, have caused more than 350 deaths in Punjab and the states of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and mountainous Jammu and Kashmir, according to official figures.

Egypt puts clock back one hour

CAIRO, Sept 30, (Reuter): Egypt puts its clocks back one hour at midnight today, returning to two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) after four months of energy-saving summer time; national newspapers reported.

The government advanced the clocks on May 17 to conserve electricity because of low water levels behind the Aswan High Dam on the River Nile in southern Egypt.

Islamic gold coin creates auction record

LONDON, Sept 30, (AP): A tiny and exceptionally rare Islamic gold coin, minted 64 years after the death of Holy Prophet Mohammad, (Peace Be Upon Him), sold for £165,000 ($277,200) on Thursday, Sotheby's auction house said.

The firm said the price was an auction record for an Islamic coin and for any coin auctioned in Britain.

"It was bought with a telephone bid by a Middle Eastern collector who has asked us not to identify him," said Tim Eden, head of the firm's coins department.

The seller also remained anonymous.

The pure gold coin dinar is 3/4-inch (19 mm) in diameter and nearly 13 centuries old. Prophet Mohammad died in AD 632 and the coin was made in 696.

At the time, the power and influence of the Islamic empire extended through Iraq, Arabia, the Middle East and parts of North Africa, and was based in Damascus.

"When the Muslims wanted to introduce their own coins they knew only Byzantine and Persian coins, So initially they simply adapted them and added Arabic inscriptions," Eden said.

"It wasn't until 77 Hijra of their calendar in the Umayyad dynasty, which was 696 AD, that they finally introduce their own, purely Islamic coins and we were selling an example. I suppose there aren't more than 10 to 20 like it left in the world," he said.

The coin bears Arabic inscriptions from the Holy Quran.

Turks face fines

ANKARA, Sept 30, (Reuter): Three million Turks who failed to vote in last Sunday's referendum face fines totalling 37.4 billion lira ($22.8 million), the semi-official Anatolian news agency said.

Polling is compulsory for the 26.6 million registered voters aged over 19 years. Non-voters are fined 12,500 lira ($7.6) unless they give valid reasons within three months.

Hirohito showing signs of distress

TOKYO, Sept 30, (Reuter): Japan's Emperor Hirohito has complained of pain and being unable to sleep, officials and relatives said today.

Hirohito told his grandson Nobuhiko Higashikuni during a visit to his bedside on Thursday that his body ached and that he could not sleep.

These were the first complaints by the 87-year-old emperor to emerge through the information blanket put up by Imperial Household Agency officials who control most aspects of imperial family life.

"I could tell he had jaundice but he did not look that bad," Higashikuni, a grandson by Hirohito's eldest daughter, told reporters after the visit.

In his regular morning briefing today, agency spokesman Kenji Maeda said doctors removed white corpuscles from the emperor's two latest blood transfusions in an attempt to help fight his fever.

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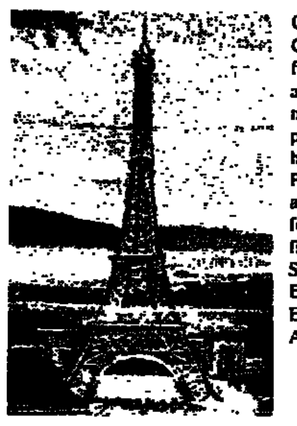

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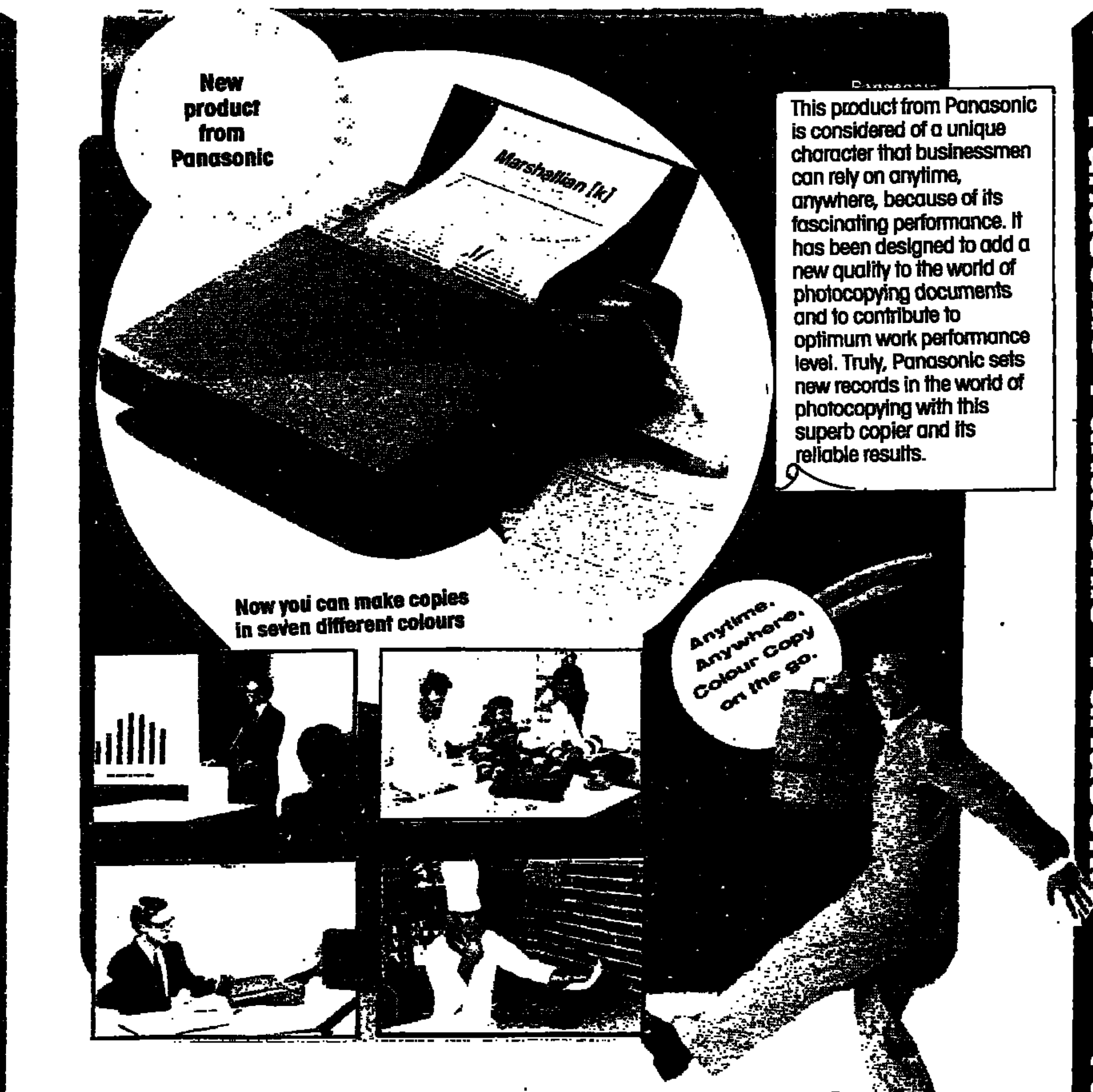

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Islamic foreign ministers back Kuwaiti proposals

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 30, (KUNA): The Islamic foreign ministers last night unanimously approved a communique lending strong support to Kuwait's proposals on North-South co-operation and a new Afghanistan resolution.

A communique was to have been issued yesterday, but was delayed for technical reasons and is expected to be published later today.

Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, attended the meeting, which was presided over by Jordanian Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri as chairman of the 46-member Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

Relieve

HH the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, proposed on Wednesday in the General Assembly a plan of action to relieve the widening gap between rich and poor countries.

Speaking as the head of a creditor nation, the Amir said creditor nations should consider writing off interest on their loans to debtor countries, and possibly forego some payments of principal by the poorest nations.

The plan also urges the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank to reconsider their "stringent conditions" affecting countries seeking help from the two institutions.

Furthermore, the Kuwaiti head of state asked for expansion and regulation of scientific and technical assistance from richer to poorer countries.

Oman says Gulf truce restored trust in UN

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 30, (Reuter): The end of the Iran-Iraq war must be credited to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and was a success rarely matched in UN history that restored confidence in the world body, Oman said today.

Yousef Bin Alawi Bin Abdullah, the Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said the General Assembly added a new dimension to the credibility of the United Nations as a guardian of peace.

"Accordingly, we call for greater self-sacrifice in maintaining the new momentum in United Nations endeavours, for action to reinforce those endeavours and for support for the role of the secretary-general and co-operation with him in his efforts to solve other regional problems," he said.

The minister said de Cuellar had the sultanate's gratitude and support for the efforts he is making to bring about a more peaceful world.

He said that implementation of the Security Council's ceasefire resolution marked "the beginning of a future brimming with hope, peace and prosperity" in the Gulf.

This would not have been possible without the courageous and judicious leadership of both Iraq and Iran, he said.

"We are hopeful," he said, "that the agreement between Iraq and Iran will mark a conclusion and a new beginning to a long and all-embracing era of peace and co-operation."

He said the steps already taken by the two nations make Oman confident that their readiness to act positively for the implementation of the council resolution will endure.

The minister said Oman pinned its hopes on the flexibility and co-operation the two sides demonstrated in ongoing talks. The peace talks are resumed with de Cuellar on Saturday.

Housing Week begins today

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah will patronise the Housing Week today through Thursday.

Sheikh Saad deputised State Minister for Housing Affairs Nasser Al Roudhan to attend the inauguration ceremony scheduled for 6 pm today at Al Sawaber Housing Project.

Exchange company stops paying clients

A LOCAL exchange company has stopped paying its clients in the past few weeks and is claiming that the Central Bank has seized its money.

The company is refusing to pay money it received from investors as deposits at an interest rate of over 12 per cent. According to local law, exchange companies are forbidden to receive deposits.

Additionally, it was learned that the company has refused to return clients' funds deposited with foreign banks. The exchange company has an insufficient balance with these banks, it was revealed. The company also refused to return money to clients who opened accounts for currency and precious metals speculation.

Informed sources said that the company is trying to declare itself bankrupt, but other sources said the company is negotiating with the Central Bank to be included in the difficult bank loans settlement scheme, sponsored by the Central Bank and the Ministry of Finance.

One client claimed that the company refused to pay him KD 5,610 which was due from his currency and precious metals investment account. He added that he sent a letter to the Central Bank asking for help, but was told to seek legal aid.

The company is still working as normal and accepting clients' money, even though company officials are fully aware that they do not have funds to cover such transactions.

Ambassador Howell and his wife (right) welcoming Kuwaiti graduates of American Institutions. (Photo: Mohammad Bedaq)

Education faculty serves the community, says dean

THE dean of the Faculty of Education at Kuwait University, Dr Saad Al Hashel, has said that in addition to meeting requirements for teachers and upgrading the efficiency of those working in the educational sector, the faculty extends other services to the community.

In an interview with Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), Dr Hashel said the faculty sponsors training courses for employees of Kuwaiti ministries and public and private institutions.

He also said that the faculty which was set up in 1980, had the goal of providing teachers needed by Kuwait schools and upgrading those working in the educational field.

The faculty is now working to meet requirements for educational services.

Courses

Discussing new courses that are to be introduced by the faculty, Dr Hashel said computers in education, family education and space engineering will be offered.

He also said the faculty sponsors two diploma programmes for teachers who have university degrees but no certificate of education. The Ministry of Education annually suggests names of teachers who should take the courses.

Those teachers can join the programme resulting in a diploma in general education or work toward a diploma in educational guidance.

The faculty also co-operates with other institutions, Dr Hashel said. Five training courses on behaviour skills for stewards and stewardesses of Kuwait Airways Corp. were organised.

Vocational

The faculty's professors also participated in a course of the Psychological Service Department of the Ministry of Education on psychological educational statistics. Another course for the Public Authority for Applied Education on educational guidance and a course on educational researching were also offered.

The faculty also provides educational advice to the Ministries of Education, Social Affairs, Defence and Interior, he said.

Meanwhile, Sulaiman Abdullah Al Einazi, the secretary-general of Kuwait's National Committee for Education, Science and Culture, has said that technical and vocational education has played a prominent role in modern educational systems in both developed and developing countries.

Al Einazi was Kuwait's representative at an international conference on the topic in East Berlin recently. He said that technical and vocational education witnessed significant development between 1970 and 1984, with an increase of 4.5 per cent in the developing countries and 3 per cent in the industrial ones.

He said that officials at the conference discussed international co-operation in this field and noted that 33 participants debated the topic.

Al Einazi further said that the conference discussed the role of women in technical and vocational education. Research papers on the subject were submitted by Bulgaria and Pakistan.

The research highlighted the importance of women's contribution to the economic and social development process, he said.

Kuwait-US educational co-operation growing

By Hamid Siddiqui

OVER 70 years of educational co-operation between Kuwait and the US have further strengthened ties between the countries, said US Ambassador to Kuwait, Nathaniel Howell.

Howell, speaking at a reception to mark decades of educational co-operation, said both countries have been co-operating in the field since 1913, when the first modern school was set up by the American Mission in Kuwait.

History

The American Mission School was founded by Dr Edwin Calverley and functioned until the 1930s, when it had to be closed down due to financial difficulties. At that time, Kuwait began its own ambitious plan to develop educational facilities.

Howell also spoke about the history of education in Kuwait and recalled that in 1952 there were 114 Kuwaiti teachers, including 17 women. In Kuwait City, he said, there were 12 primary schools and one secondary school for boys and eight primary schools for girls.

Kuwaitis had been attending the American University of Beirut for years. But the first batch of three Kuwaiti students went to the US in the mid-1950s for higher studies.

Howell said about 10,000 people from Kuwait graduated in American universities in the past few decades. Over 5,000 Kuwaiti students are presently studying in US universities.

Howell praised Kuwait's educational policy and said: "Kuwait has every reason to be proud of its young generation and we are happy to have played a role in the field of education."

Minister to attend health meetings

GENEVA, Sept 30, (KUNA): Kuwait Health Minister Dr Abdul Razzak Yousef Al Abdul Razzak was due to arrive here late today to attend a meeting of Arab specialists at the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The minister and his team from Kuwait will participate in the 35th session of the committee of the World Health Organisation's East Mediterranean region, which includes most of the Arab states. The meetings will be from Monday through Thursday.

The delegates will first review a major WHO report on the health situation in their area and then discuss WHO-governmental co-operation aimed at realising the United Nations' goal of health for all by the year 2,000.

Examine

The delegates will also examine the proposed 1990-91 budget for the region and review regional health issues, including attempts to eradicate polio, maternal and infant mortality rates, mental health and the spread of AIDS in the Arab world.

The Arab countries have reported 181 cases of AIDS to the WHO, but the present total is believed to be considerably higher.

The committee will also discuss traditional practices that affect the health of women and children in the region and other medical topics.

The health minister will also attend meetings of the executive bureau of Arab health ministers.

The Executive Bureau will begin its two-day meetings tomorrow.

Sources at the Health Ministry told KUNA that the Executive Bureau will discuss electing a bureau head and medical education in the Arab world.

The sources also said that the bureau will review the measures adopted to implement the resolutions of the 13th session of the Arab health ministers meeting held in Amman early this year.

GCC working to revive peace talks

LONDON, Sept 30, (KUNA): A senior GCC official has revealed that the council is playing an effective role in reviving peace talks between Iraq and Iran.

In an interview with Arabic language weekly "Al Hawadess" published here, the secretary-general of the Gulf Co-operation Council, Abdulla Bishara, added that "we are directly concerned" with peace arrangements between Iraq and Iran.

The peace negotiations will move to New York temporarily tomorrow following their failure in Geneva, Bishara said in the interview.

Bishara, who is visiting the United Nations in New York, declared that the GCC states members are keen to boost the UN general-secretary's efforts to realise permanent peace between Baghdad and Tehran and implement Security Council Resolution 598.

Discussing the post-war stage, Bishara said that "the region should embark on a regional arrangements to secure each party's rights."

These arrangements should depend on international and regional legitimacy, he stressed.

"There should be no interference in internal affairs, but a respect of people's rights in choosing their own systems, and respect of sovereignty and safety of navigation in the international waterways," he said.

He also commented on collective Gulf security through Iraq and Iran and the GCC states, indicating that the Gulf is an international waterway.

Radio announcers' training course begins today

INFORMATION Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad will inaugurate an intensive training course for Kuwaiti and Gulf radio announcers today.

In an interview with KUNA, Radio Kuwait Director Dr Abdel Aziz Al Mansour said the training courses stem from the Ministry of Information's keenness on developing national informational cadres and enhancing Arab Gulf relations in the media.

Today's training course, offered biannually, is different from previous ones, he said. It will give more emphasis to the practical side of training without ignoring the theoretical aspects Al Mansour said.

Fifty Kuwaiti and Gulf trainees will participate in the course which will qualify them in various lingual functions and applied linguistics.

Unique

Al Mansour noted that the minister of information pays special attention to Radio Kuwait staffers and encourages the organisation of other courses for employees of the national radio station.

The four-month training course will also represent a unique opportunity for exchange of expertise between Gulf media officials, said Al Mansour. The course will be supervised by a committee of Arab media leaders including the general director of Saudi Radio, Hussein Al Askari, the chairman of Cairo Radio, Amin Basyouni and other Arab media officials.

Kuwaiti intellectuals will also participate, including Abdel Aziz Jaafar, the ministry's undersecretary, Dr Hissa Al Rifai, Dr Yousif Doukhi and other officials.

Committee to give KD50,000 for Sudan

A JOINT Kuwaiti committee to help flood victims in Sudan and Bangladesh has decided to allocate KD50,000 to ship aid materials to Sudan.

The chairman of the International Islamic Charity League and the joint Kuwaiti committee, Jasem Yousif Al Haji, told KUNA Thursday that the committee, decided Wednesday to launch a donation campaign in 254 statewide mosques to help flood victims in both flood-ravaged countries.

The committee has also approved a medical mission to Bangladesh and North Sudan, he added.

Meanwhile, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Thursday, approved granting food assistance valued at $22.9 million to Sudan, Malawi, Pakistan, Zaire, Swaziland and Rwanda.

Minister defends health services

THE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Health, Dr Nael Al Naquib, has defended his ministry against accusations published in some local papers about medical mistakes by the ministry.

Medical mistakes occur in every part of the world, the official said. In the US for instance, physicians are obliged to protect themselves with expensive malpractice insurance and make costly medical tests. In the UK several people died in a hospital after consuming poisoned food, he added.

Strict

Newspapers and magazines should refrain from accusing the ministry and physicians until they have ascertained all the facts. Criminal responsibility cannot be attributed to the physician until a dissection of the body of the deceased is undertaken and results analysed, the official said.

Dr Al Naquib revealed that he is accused of being very strict with physicians who commit mistakes. The ministry offers services to more than 15 million persons every year, he said. Mistakes do not exceed one per cent — which is very low, he said.

The ministry has stopped responding to complaints published in some papers, he said. The papers do not respond to the ministry's request for sufficient information about complaints published in these papers.

Some papers also refuse or delay publishing the ministry's comments, he said. However, the doors of the ministry are open to receive complaints, the official said.

Dr Al Naquib also said dentistry services will soon be organised and expanded. These services cost the state a great deal of money. Though the ministry is encouraging the private sector to develop these services, this will not be achieved before five or 10 years, Al Naquib said.

Freelance clerks say times are tough

A LOCAL daily interviewed a number of freelance clerks usually seen outside government establishments and departments filling out applications and memorandums for petitioners.

They said that work was more lucrative in the past. They pointed out that each private clerk collected between KD 300 to KD 500 each month. Now, they get only KD 150 for working day and night in offices, they added. They have demanded that they be given permission to practice their profession on a freelance basis.

Abdu Muti Hamdan said that he has been a freelance clerk since 1960 and worked in front of the Finance Ministry until 1986. He charged KD 5 for typed or handwritten applications. He said he was licenced by the Municipality which inspected his work location on a regular basis. His equipment consisted of a small table with two chairs and an umbrella for shade.

He explained that he then moved to work in front of the ministry in Farwaniya and then again moved to the Hawalli Passports Department where he said work is scarce and customers insist on having their applications typed instead of handwritten.

He complained that more than 700 private (freelance) clerks are now required to work inside buildings with limited salaries. He called upon officials to reconsider their conditions, especially the financial aspects.

Arab Child Day festivities planned

THE national Kuwaiti committee for celebrating Arab Child Day has planned a week of festivities.

Kuwait and the rest of the international community will mark the Arab Child Day on Monday.

This year's weeklong programme will stress the role of family in bringing up children with high standards.

Educational and cultural programmes, such as lectures and seminars, along with contests and parties are planned.

Coca-Cola plant planned

ABU DHABI, Sept 30, (Reuter): A second Coca-Cola plant will be built in the Arabian Gulf, despite a ban on the soft drink in the Arab world.

An official of the Abu Dhabi Contracting Co. said it was awarded the contract for a 10-million dirham ($2.5 million) complex in Al Ain in the United Arab Emirates, 160 km (100 miles) from Abu Dhabi.

The complex will be the second owned by the Al Ahlia Gulf Line, which presently markets the drink from a plant in Oman.

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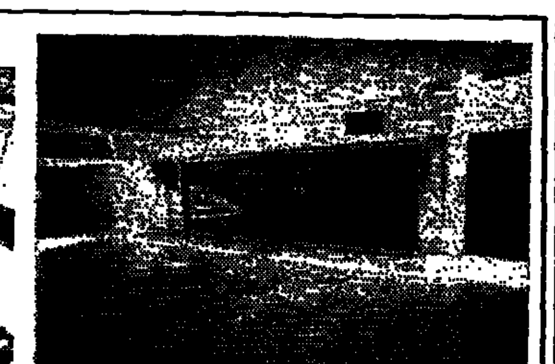

For information, please contact tel Nos. 2425752 or 2425753 mornings, or 3721468 or 3722472 evenings. Mubarak

TV CORNER

Winter schedule highlights

KUWAIT Television will today begin broadcasting in the morning for four hours. This was announced by Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah, KUNA reported.

The broadcast will be from 9 am to 1 pm on the Arabic Channel, KTV 1. Local Arabic serials, including Darb Al Zalaq, featuring noted Kuwaiti actor Abdul Hussain Abul Rida, will be shown. Comedies, plays and children's serials are also included in the morning transmission. On Wednesdays, The Magic of David Copperfield, featuring the amazing illusions of the American magician, will be shown at 12.15 pm.

KTV 1 broadcast on weekends will continue without a break. An English feature film has been scheduled for Thursday mornings at 10.30 am. This week's movie is entitled The Robinsons, featuring Susan Shaw. Friday's highlights include a late night serial at 10.30 pm and the weekly matinee at 4.45 pm. This Friday's matinee is an Arabic serial, Ghawi Al Mashakil, with Khalil Shawki and Sana Abdul Rahman.

The winter schedule on KTV 2 begins today. A host of new serials, many never seen in Kuwait, are included in the schedule listed below. Among them are such popular serials as The Cosby Show, a comedy with the Huxtables, and L.A. Law, the much acclaimed TV serial showing the triumph and failure of lawyers working at an L.A. Law firm.

The Huxtables return in The Cosby Show, Thursdays, 9.30 pm, KTV 2.

This week on KTV 2

SUNDAY
6.00 **Holy Quran**
6.10 **Thundercats:** cartoons
6.30 **Fast Forward:** a look at latest computer games.
7.00 **Fire Raisers:** new series for children, focussing on crime in the neighbourhood.
7.30 **Challenge:** this series examines the natural and supernatural through the experiences of tribals living in the Amazon.
8.00 **News in English**
8.40 **The Flying Doctors:** doctors in the Australian outback are called to save another life.
9.30 **Hooperman:** new police thriller. An inspector tries to solve the murder of a woman who dies in mysterious circumstances.
10.00 **She is the Sheriff:** "Unsafe At Any Speed." The female sheriff of a town faces a challenging job.
10.30 **Best-Seller:** "Queenie."
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine d'Actualite/ Holy Quran/Closedown

MONDAY
6.00 **Holy Quran**
6.10 **Bionic Six:** cartoons
6.30 **The Friends of My Friends:** "Little Girls of the Souk." A new series for young viewers about how children live in different parts of the world.
7.00 **Roving Report:** weekly roundup of world news.
7.30 **Out of This World:** "Evie: Get Your Basketball." Evie's supernatural power hinders her friendship with a new schoolmate.
8.00 **News in English**
8.40 **Miami Vice:** there is action with the vice squad, out on another thrilling assignment.
9.30 **In Search of Firewalkers:** a look at the tradition of fire-walking in some parts of the world.
10.00 **You Can't Take It With You:** a new series about a man who lives in the US and learns to abide by that country's rules.
10.30 **Jake and the Fatman:** private eyes Jake and the Fatman gather clues to solve the murder of a senator's girlfriend.
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

TUESDAY
6.00 **Holy Quran**
6.10 **Dinosaurs:** cartoon serial
6.30 **Professor Poosangle:** children's serial
7.00 **Discoveries Underwater:** "Treasure is Trouble." A team of archaeologists recover a treasure from two ships which sank in 1772.
8.00 **News in English**
8.40 **Five Mile Creek:** "Making Tracks." Set in Australia, it tells the story of a man who wants to set up a transport company.
9.30 **Easy Street:** series about a lonely woman searching for her roots.
10.00 **Secrets and Mysteries:** this series examines myths and legends.
10.30 **Edge of Darkness:** police thriller. Detective Brian is attacked by unknown assailants on the scene of a crime.
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

WEDNESDAY
6.00 **Holy Quran**
6.10 **My Pet Monster:** cartoon serial
6.30 **Wonderstruck:** a science show for young viewers. Tonight, a look at magnetic force and medicine.
7.00 **Pals:** the story of little Sammy who lives with his grandparents but wants to join in his father's travels.
7.30 **Growing Pains:** "Not the Necessary News." Maggie wants to find a job; Ben insists she stay at home.
8.00 **News in English**
8.40 **Probe:** detective series with Mickey and Austin, who agree to apply new gimmicks to ply an old trade.
9.30 **The Secret World:** documentary
10.00 **What's Happening Now:** "Raj Returns." Raj wants to re-open his restaurant and sets out to get finance.
10.30 **L.A. Law**
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

THURSDAY
6.00 **Holy Quran**
6.10 **Mask:** cartoons serial
6.30 **Sesame Street:** educational show for young viewers.
7.30 **Mac and Mutley:** a series about the adventures of two pets named Mac and Mutley.
8.00 **News in English**
8.40 **The Highwayman:** All roads lead to the highwayman when it comes to saving the innocent from the clutches of the rich.
9.30 **The Cosby Show:** The Huxtables are back with more comedy. Tonight, Sandra and her husband come home from their honeymoon to plan their future business — a sports shop. Starring: Bill Cosby.
10.00 **Sports Bloopers:** a 30-minute show about the mishaps and misadventures of sportsmen and sportswomen.
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Price of Vengeance." Starring: Edmond Genes, Angela Arnolds. Routine drama about older brother discovering the truth about his brother who has turned into a mafia boss.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

FRIDAY
2.00 **Holy Quran**
2.10 **Cartoons**
2.30 **Sports Studio**
4.00 **Silver Hawk:** "The Origin Story." Cartoon serial
4.30 **Italian Football**
5.30 **Walt Disney:** "The Parent Trap." Walt Disney's family comedy-drama about look-alikes who meet at a summer's camp and after some detective work, they discover they are twins. Starring: Hayley Mills.
7.00 **Star Trek:** "The New Generation." The next generation of spacemen play Romulan war games in outer space.
8.00 **News in English**
8.40 **Big League Soccer:** highlights of English league football matches.
9.30 **Down Under**
10.30 **Diamond**
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine d'Actualite/ Closedown

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING
9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Iftah Ya Simsim
9.45 News followed by Good Morning
10.00 Darb Al Zalaq: local serial, starring Khalid Al Nafisi, Abdul Hussain Abdul Rida, Saad Al Faraj, Ali Mufeeid
10.45 News Summary
11.00 Al Zankalooni: Arabic serial, featuring Mohammad Rida, Athar Al Hakim, Laila Taher, Ahmad Abdul Waris
12.00 News
12.15 Sufrah Khaleejiah: Gulf Cuisine. Presented by Afnan Ziyani
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

EVENING
4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoon serial
5.15 Fanan Sagheer: Young Artists.
5.45 Nazrat Alal Alam: cultural film
6.00 La Ilaha Illallah: historical serial.
7.00 News Summary
7.05 Songs and Music
7.30 Noor Al Islam: religious talk
8.00 Hamat Al Watan: last episode
8.30 Good Evening: daily roundup of local events
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Al Rayah Al Baidah: Arabic serial.
10.45 Circle of Events: Presented by Kamel Abdul Jalil
11.35 News Summary
11.40 World News via Satellite, followed by Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 My Little Pony: cartoons
6.30 Sam's Luck: 30-minute short stories about Sam's adventures
7.00 Survival: Nature. A look at rat habitats
7.30 Life with Lucy:
8.00 News in English
8.40 Our House: new series focussing on Gus and his life with three children
9.30 War in Korea: documentary.
10.30 Made-for-TV Movie: Promise.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

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Isha	6.50

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Ightial Wa Darasah (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Obaid, Hashim Salim, Jabirin
Al Salmiya
Secret Admirer
Starring: C. Thomas Howell, Preston Kelly
Al Hamra
Al Police Al Nisai (Arabic)
Starring: Ilham Shahin, Hala Sidqi
Drive-In
Al Shawish Hussein (Arabic)
Starring: Scott Glenn, Robert Webber
Al Fahaheel
Sruthi (Malayalam)
Al Firdous
Saamri 3-D (Hindi)
Starring: Rajan Sippy, Arti Gupta
Fahaheel Open-Air
Aashiq Hun Baharon Ka (Hindi)
Al Jahra
Hannah & Her Sisters
Granada
Hold Up
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Nahar Al Khauf (Arabic)
Al Jleeb
Uppu (Malayalam)
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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

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DAILY UNTIL OCT. 1: 8.30 to 12 noon; 4.30 to 7 pm: Kuwait National Museum. Under Pure Skies, an exhibition of 19th century photographs of the Middle East, on loan from International Museum of Photography, New York.

Kuwait Science Museum
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT. - THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House
SAT. - THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

MUSIC

East meets West
OCT 6: IAC, 6.30 pm: "East meets West," a musical evening, by The Fams with Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. Lead vocalist: Susan Rego. For entry by passes Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or IAC — 3904817.

Beat Show
OCT 14: IAC, Funaitees, 3.30 pm: The Kuwait Goan Beat Show: four-hours of non-stop music featuring six brass bands -- City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. Organised by the Kuwait Goans.

Guitar Recital
OCT 19: Kuwait Hilton Hotel: Concert of German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin. "Hymns of Eternity," one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

SOCIAL

Danish Meeting
OCT 5: 8 pm. Daniella starts social season with a bingo game at the Gazelle club, TV Room. For reservations call Connie — 3715637; Lizzy - 3710478.

Video Workshop
OCT 5/10: Kuwait Players will hold two video workshops giving instruction and practice on their video system, used for recording stage productions; live editing console and sound mixing system. Members and newcomers welcome. Limited number of places. Tel: 5628227.

German-Speaking Cultural Association
OCT 2: Old Failaka Room, Kuwait Hilton. After summer holiday, regular coffee mornings for ladies resume. First meeting on Sunday, 10 am. All German-speaking ladies, particularly newcomers, are welcome.

Swedish Ladies coffee afternoon
OCT 4: 4 pm: Swedish Ladies coffee afternoon at the home of Kerstin Granander.

Halloween Party
OCT 31: Children's Halloween pool party at Messilah Beach. Fancy dress competition, pantomime fun and pool fun games. For reservations call the hotel ext. 739/751.

Colva Nite
OCT 27: 8.30 pm, MBH: Colva Nite with music by the Top Ranks. For details phone 2434776; 2413884; 4310913; 5629141 (after 5 pm).

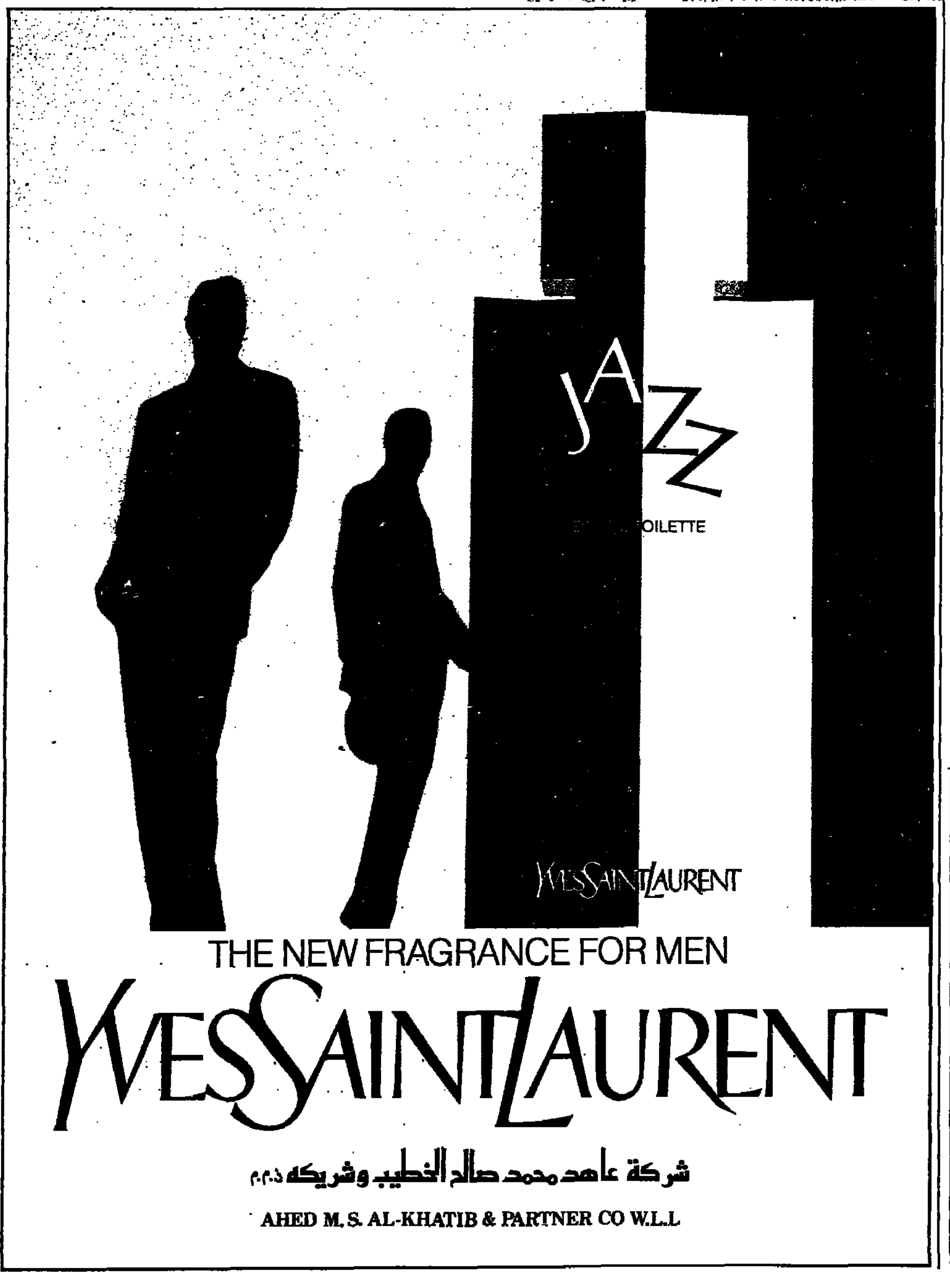
SPORTS

Tug-of War Competition
OCT 21: United Goans Centre will hold tug-of-war competition. Competitors are requested to contact organisers on 21/10 at Al Soor Ground for entry forms.

Kuwait Nomads Rugby
SUNDAY/TUESDAY: 7.15 pm: Kuwait Nomads rugby players training: meet at the site of the Old Ground in Fintas. New members always welcome. For details ring Graham Adams - 484-1296; Andy Hopkins - 564-2599; Steve Hill - 531-8060.

Windsurfing Regatta
OCT 7: MBH Windsurfing Regatta. Open to men, women and teams. Entry forms available from Marine Centre (Tel.: 5755960); Qabazard Marine (Tel: 5730442), Sultan Centres and Al Boom Marine (Tel: 4830570). For further details phone 5624111 ext. 751/739.

Boy's Own Club
OCT 22/23: Boy's Own Club will hold a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday. Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.



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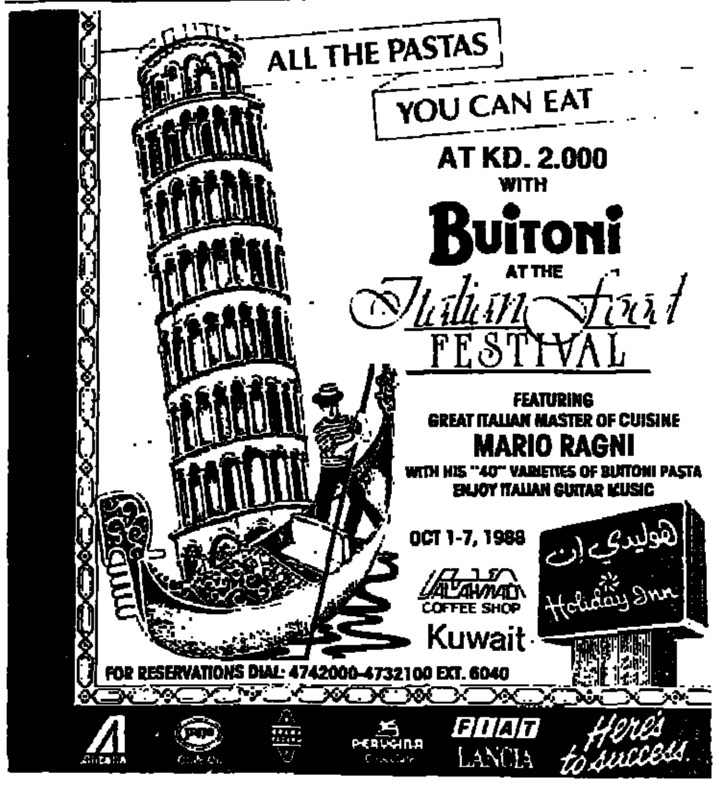


ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

VICTORY belongs to the most persevering — *Napoleon Bonaparte, French general-statesman (1769-1821).*

International relief for Afghanistan

Largest post-war recovery plan

By Edward Girardet

PESHAWAR, Pakistan: International relief officials are pressing ahead with what is potentially the largest post-war recovery programme since the Marshall Plan.

But even as the top United Nations official for Afghanistan forges together a "task force" of UN and voluntary agencies to carry out the $2-billion operation, some Western diplomats and foreign aid workers are cautioning the organizers to "think small."

One Western aid representative in Peshawar stresses that the war-devastated and primitive Afghan economy has a limited capacity to absorb money and resources. "I don't think we can realistically provide more than a $100 million worth of effective assistance" for the first 18-month phase of the UN plan, he says.

Private foreign aid workers as well as resistance sources say that given continued fighting between the mujahideen (Afghan guerrillas) and Afghan government forces in large areas, it is too early and ambitious to embark on reconstruction on the scale the UN plan envisions. Leading Afghan guerrilla commander Abdul Haq has voiced warnings along the same lines.

Security

According to most indications, Afghanistan still lacks the security conditions conducive to full-scale repatriation of the 5 million refugees and the estimated 2 million to 3 million Afghans who have been internally displaced in their country.

Until such a time, aid workers here say, the UN Task Force should concentrate on expanding the smaller crossborder operations. Some UN officials say the refugees may return in time for the autumn planting season, but most relief co-ordinators do not anticipate significant movement until next spring at the earliest. Much will depend, they say, on whether the mine fields have been cleared.

To get things moving, however, UN co-ordinator, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan is pushing for initial reconstruction projects in "zones of peace" — mainly border areas where fighting has ceased and there is considered to be little danger of bombing. The Prince is expected to inspect some of these "zones of peace," pending the co-operation of the Kabul and Islamabad governments as well as that of local resistance commanders.

Appeal

Prince Sadruddin has appealed for a total of $1.16 billion for the programme's first 18 months. Although no starting date has been set for the project's first phase, he has so far received pledges of about $40 million.

Task Force representatives insist that it is vital to move fast in order to take advantage of international interest in Afghanistan. Also, syas Martin Barber, Task Force representative in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad, "No one is sure how things will develop and there are many scenarios. So we must be prepared for the worst, such as a sudden return of refugees, and be able to act now."

However, some worry that such haste may put the UN on the line.

"What is at stake is the loss of credibility of the UN if much of what is being promised cannot be done," says one UN official who asked not to be identified.

Critics argue that Western donor countries will react negatively to what might be seen as unrealistic proposals. They say there is a tendency among some organizations to disregard political and military realities, and assume that conventional aid techniques applied in Africa or Asia are appropriate in Afghanistan.

According to certain relief sources, aid agencies only had three weeks to put forward proposals to the UN, and many of those plans were based on inadequate information and preparation.

Programmes

"What we really need are programmes with imagination that take local circumstances into account," says Robert Brenner of Freedom Medicine, an American voluntary agency that trains Afghan medics for work inside Afghanistan.

Afghans, it is often pointed out, are a resourceful and hardy people who do not recessarily require an aid operation that will lead them by the hand from start to finish.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

Election prospects dim in Burma

By Kevin Cooney

BANGKOK, (Reuter): Three political parties have been formed in Burma since the Army seized power on Sept 18 but opposition leaders and Western diplomats believe prospects for free multi-party elections remain dim.

The Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP), whose long rule was ended by General Saw Maung's takeover, has changed its name to the National Unity Party and registered with the Election Commission.

After months of anti-government demonstrations and six weeks of strikes, the BSPP promised free elections and said it would contest them, though the party's leadership would stand aside.

The BSPP's new name was close to that of the main opposition group, the National United Front for Democracy, which in turn changed its name to the National League for Democracy.

Brigadier Aung Gyi, 70 once number two to Ne Win who ruled for 26 years, was appointed the League's chairman. General Tin Oo, 62, a former defence minister, was made vice-chairman and Aung San Suu Kyi, 43-year-old daughter of independence hero Aung San, became general secretary.

Manifesto

The League's manifesto called on students and workers to continue strikes and on the government to lift a curfew, remove bans on public gatherings and unions and stop a campaign of shootings and arrests.

Dissidents, doctors and diplomats say 1,000 people have been killed in Rangoon since the Army seized power and most of these were unarmed pro-democracy demonstrators.

On Wednesday, a letter sent to the Army-backed Election Commission said the League wanted to register as a political party in case conditions for a free and fair election came about.

Diplomats said it was significant that the League's manifesto contained no reference to the formation of an interim government, a rallying cry for dissidents.

"The opposition now knows no interim government can be created on their terms and accepts the fact that Saw Maung and the military are in control," a Western diplomat said.

Conditions

A League spokeswoman was asked by telephone if all conditions of the group's manifesto would have to be met before it would take part in elections.

"The leaders and the executive committee will decide on which points to stand and which points to give in if needed," she said. "But I don't see any way we can give in on some demands."

Saw Maung has said his government would listen to no more demands and he has refused to meet opposition leaders.

On Wednesday, official Radio Rangoon said the Election Commission would set a final date within three months for the registration of parties.

A day earlier the radio reported the formation of the Democracy Party, comprising mostly followers of former Prime Minister U Nu, whose overthrow by Ne Win in 1962 led to a quarter of a century of worsening poverty and political repression.

It was the first word on Radio Rangoon about opposition activities since the takeover by the Army, which has asked opposition leaders to take part in elections.

US bargaining hard to hold onto its costly bases

Sun setting on American military empire

By Jeff Stein

WASHINGTON, (UPI): The sun is slowly setting on the far-flung American military empire.

From East Asia to the heart of Europe, where once it stood like a free-spending colossus over the wreckage of World War II, the United States is bargaining hard to hold onto its costly forward defence perimeter.

Seventy nations once hosted American bases, today only 21. The United States has 25 per cent fewer overseas bases than during the Vietnam war.

Spain is evicting 72 US F-16 fighters and Greece is threatening the cancellation of its four US bases. The Philippines, meanwhile, has locked Washington into hard bargaining over the future of its huge naval and air bases — the Asian bastion of the US military and its mainstay of defence in the region. And from New Zealand to Denmark, the once unfettered visiting rights of US nuclear-armed ships are under challenge.

But America is not the "pitiful, helpless giant" that President Reagan feared in his 1980 campaign rhetoric.

Ironically, the withdrawal of US forces from many of the bases is evidence of America's successful worldwide diplomatic and political strategy since World War II.

Exhibit A: Japan and Germany, once prostrate and vulnerable, are now rearmed and prosperous US allies. Relations with China are normalized and friendly.

Exhibit B: The US superiority in weapons technology and its new rapid resupply capabilities project American power in ways that most experts say can compensate for the loss of bases.

About 40,000 troops, steeled with nuclear artillery, guard the Korean DMZ. Another 300,000 nuclear-backed US troops stand toe to toe with Warsaw Pact forces in Europe. US submarines and aircraft patrol the North Atlantic from Britain, American pilots cover the Mediterranean from Turkey and Greece, US Navy ships cruise the Gulf using bases in Italy and the Philippines and refuelling facilities at Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

Combat

Combat aircraft and naval task forces — armed with cruise missiles that can throw a nuclear punch far over the horizon — shuttle between Hawaii, Japan and Okinawa, where 22,000 Marines stand ready for quick airlifts to regional hot spots.

The rise of economic powerhouses in Asia, chiefly Japan, and an economically unified Western Europe, moreover, are creating new rivalries and power centres even as world communism has ceased to be such a monolithic force.

In short, the nature of the world has changed, and with it, America's need for foreign military bases.

But how few bases is too few? And can US forces, fighting from fewer bases, knock out their Soviet air, ground and naval adversary in a general war?

"The answer is yes," says Dr Earl Ravenal, who as director of the Asian division of the Office of the Secretary of Defence in 1967-1969 conducted a study of US foreign bases — and recommended a cutback.

"On a strict cost-benefit basis, we didn't need them" even at the height of the Vietnam war, he said in an interview.

Strength

"We have as much strength now in the form of our combat capability as we've ever had," he said.

But Edward Luttwak, a senior fellow at Washington's Centre for Strategic and International Studies, thinks the transfer of F-16s to Italy and threat of eviction from the Philippines bodes ill.

"Naval power is in trouble anyway," he said, adding that Guam is not a suitable substitute for the deep, spacious waters of Subic Bay in the Philippines. The F-16s will be more exposed to Soviet attack in Italy, he said, and an evacuation of fighter aircraft to Japan would put them" much, much too forward" toward Soviet attack forces.

But Luttwak also said, "how valuable a port or base is, is dependent on constantly shifting technological and geopolitical factors."

In Germany — where US units are generally regarded as a deterrent and not expected to be able to defeat a full-fledged East bloc invasion — American force levels depend on the assessment of Soviet intentions.

"One can say a problem doesn't exist in Europe" in the atmosphere of detente, Luttwak said. "(But) if you take for granted that a Gorbachev can come and go, then you have to be concerned about what they can do. There is no reason at all to be confident about our strength."

In Spain, he added, "The principle was established that US forces can be evicted by an allied, non-Third World country."

In any event, the towering cost of overseas bases is playing an increasing factor in strategy.

"The budgetary concerns do seem to be taking the forefront here," acknowledged Pentagon spokesman Mel Sundim.

The operation of foreign bases rings up on the American cash register at $3 billion a year, a pittance compared to the $85 billion Washington spends on the men and weapons assigned overseas.

But America's foreign landlords are jacking up the rent for US bases, too, adding to Washington's financial and political headaches.

In the mid-1970s, American taxpayers forked out $200 million a year in "permit" costs for foreign bases. Today that figures is $2 billion a year.

Fewer bases adds weight to the importance of the remaining ones, says James R. Baker, a former deputy assistant secretary of defence for policy analysis.

Bargain

"The leaders of these nations understand this and use it to drive a hard bargain when base access comes up for a discussion, particularly when they are uncovinced that keeping the bases on their territory is in their strategic interest," Baker wrote recently in the Christian Science Monitor.

In the Philippines, Greece and Spain, politicians came to office facing or encouraging popular calls to rid their territories of American military installations.

In the Philippines, a threat to evict the United States from Clark Air Base and Subic Bay escalated sharply with the ouster of Ferdinand Marcos in 1986.

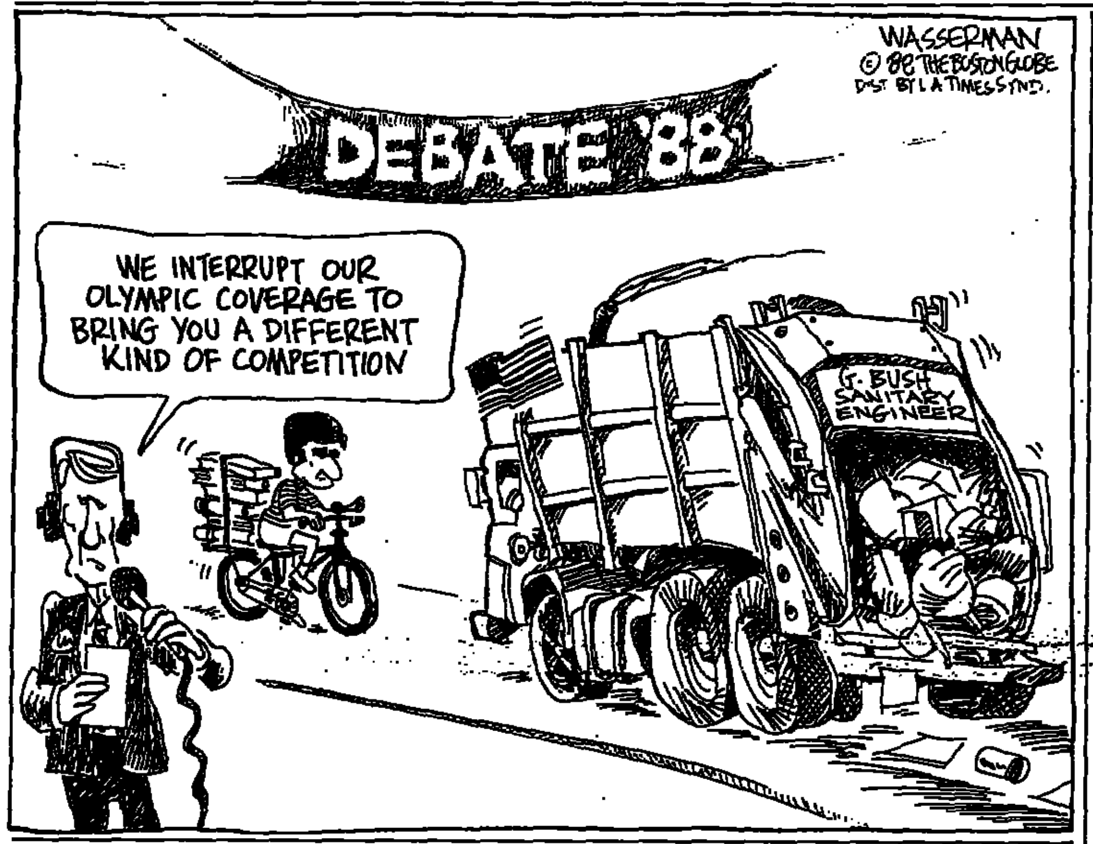
Corazon Aquino pledged to "keep her options open" on renewing the bases, and her negotiators demanded an increase in annual rent from $180 million to $ 1.2 billion. The current bases agreement expires in 1991.

Protect

Foreign Minister Raul Manglapus insisted that the bases, which annually pour $507 million into the islands' economy — including salaries for 68,500 Filipino workers totaling $96 million a year — didn't protect the Philippines from anything. Washington also gave Manila $406.2 million in economic and military aid last year.

But Secretary of State George Shultz countered with his own bluff. He told a US Congressional Committee that if Manila insisted on a "staggering sum" for the bases, "we'll have to find some other place to have ships and planes."

The talks have recessed. The Aquino government may well try to wait for a better deal from the next American president. But as UPI correspondent David W. Jones has noted, Ferdinand Marcos tried the same thing with the incoming Carter administration and ended up with a worse deal than what was offered by Gerald Ford.



US vulnerable to chemical warheads

By Christopher Hanson

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): Picture this: the president sends an aircraft carrier battle group to patrol near the Middle East as a show of force due to tensions with a small anti-US country on the coast.

It is a routine cruise until one night, when a missile is fired from shore toward the US fleet, some 150 miles (240 km) away.

As the missile passes over the warships, vents slide open in its nose-cone. A mist of deadly nerve gas, which can kill in minutes, floats down upon unprepared sailors. Hundreds die, the fleet is incapacitated, the United States humiliated by a fourth rate power.

According to Defence Department officials, this is no fanciful scenario but a nagging worry at a time when ballistic missile technology and chemical weapons are rapidly spreading despite US efforts to reverse the trend.

Concerned

"This is something the Department of Defence is very concerned about," said one Pentagon official, who spoke on condition he not be identified.

He said that when US warships were sent to the Gulf to protect shipping from Iranian attacks, the Pentagon felt defences were inadequate against a possible gas attack.

"Against even non-nuclear missile attacks, there is little or no defence," according to a report on missile proliferation released this week by Senator Dan Quayle, the Republican vice-presidential nominee.

The Pentagon official said the United States had no adequate deterrent against a chemical attack. It could not credibly be expected to retaliate with nuclear weapons and did not want to use chemical arms, which President Reagan branded this week as a "horror" and an "ominous terror" in a new call for a world ban on poison gas.

Gas

Since the Reagan administration took office, an arms control official told Reuters, the number of countries that could make poison gas has increased from six to 22.

North Korea, Israel, Brazil, Argentina, and perhaps South Korea and Iraq could now produce ballistic missiles and within 10 years up to 15 countries in the developing world will have this capability if the trend continued, the official said.

Syria, Libya, Egypt and Iraq have 175-mile (280-km) range Scud B missiles, acquired from Moscow. Iran has purchased Scuds built in North Korea, according to the Quayle report.

US officials and private arms experts say several Middle Eastern countries have both chemical arsenals and ballistic missiles, among them Libya, Iran, Iraq, Egypt, and Syria.

But of these, only Syria had managed to build missile warheads that could carry death-dealing chemicals such as nerve or mustard gas, according to Seth Carus, a missile expert with the Washington Institute for Near East Studies.

He said there was evidence that North Korea had also developed poison gas warheads and reason to worry that Libya could acquire warhead technology from Syria or North Korea.

Talks

US Assistant Secretary of State H. Allen Holmes and Soviet arms control official Viktor Karpov met in Washington on Monday for the first of a series of superpower talks on ballistic missile proliferation.

"The two delegations agreed on the seriousness of the problem," a spokesman said after the meeting.

The hope in the State Department is that Moscow will stop exporting missiles and will put pressure on nations such as Iraq and Syria to stop building or buying ballistic missiles.

The United States, Japan, Britain, West Germany, Italy, France and Canada are working to stop the spread of missiles and earlier this month agreed to lobby against Argentina's Condor II missile, which is being perfected with Egyptian and Iraqi help and likely to be sold in the Middle East.

Washington has also been pressing China to show restraint on the export of missiles and has urged Brazil to scrap a controversial missile deal with Libya.

Some private arms experts are sceptical at how effective such pressure can be.

Carus said "one should not have excessive expectations. North Korea and Iran both have developed indigenous missile forces. This shows the dificulty of keeping these technologies out of the hands of people who want them."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1596 — Duke of Norfolk is imprisoned by Britain's Queen Elizabeth for attempting to marry Mary Queen of Scots.
1800 — Spain cedes US state of Louisiana to France in secret treaty.
1838 — Britain's first Afghan war to prevent increasing Russian influence threatening British position in India.
1887 — Baluchistan is united with India.
1895 — Massacre of Romanians in Constantinople.
1923 — Failure of black Reichswehr coup in Germany; responsible government is established in southern Rhodesia.
1927 — Russian-Persian non-aggression pact is signed.
1928 — Soviet Union inaugurates first five-year plan to increase farm and industrial production.
1949 — People's Republic of China is proclaimed in Beijing under Mao Tse-Tung with Chou En-lai as premier and foreign minister.
1960 — South Korean troops cross 38th parallel into North Korea.
1965 — Attempted coup in Indonesia.
1970 — United Arab Republic's Vice-President Anwar Sadat succeeds the late Gamal Abdel Nasser as president.
1972 — Chinese government celebrates 23rd anniversary and says way is open for friendly relations with United States.
1980 — Warsaw court gives legal approval to Poland's first six independent trade unions.

Shevardnadze makes revolutionary speech

By Victoria Graham

UNITED NATIONS, (AP): For those accustomed to hearing turgid speeches about class struggle, oppression and East-West confrontation, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze's speech Tuesday was revolutionary.

The Soviet minister took the rostrum Tuesday and sounded more pacific, pragmatic, ecologically sensitive and noncontentious than many Soviet officials have sounded for years.

Shevardnadze proclaimed "our vision of peaceful coexistence as the universal principle of international relations." Class struggle in the international arena, he said, is out. Ideology is not a practical basis for conduct of international relations, he asserted.

There's more. The senior Soviet diplomat even spoke of "holes burned in the ozone layer" and the greenhouse effect. He lamented acid rain, the eroding biosphere, dying seas and fauna. He devoted far more time and passion to "aggression against nature" than to arms control and strategic nuclear weapons.

"We need resources to save our planet, instead of destroying it," he said.

Conciliatory

Shevardnadze's third speech to the General Assembly since he became foreign minister was a watershed speech, conciliatory, non-confrontational and philosophical.

There was no list of US-Soviet problems and irritations, no harsh cataloging of world problems, no significant mention of the Middle East.

"It truly was a revolutionary speech, an important statement of Soviet philosophy in foreign relations," said Iraqi ambassador Ismat Kittani, a veteran UN diplomat. "It was especially significant for its tone and style, as well as its content, for what was unsaid as well as what was spoken," he said.

Kittani and many other UN diplomats cited Shevardnadze's references to peaceful coexistence, "deideologizing" foreign policy and improved Soviet-US relations which benefit the world.

The extensive Soveit reference to the environment took many observers aback and the urgency with which Shevardnadze addressed the globe's ecological problems rivalled his past declarations on the horrors of nuclear war.

Threat

"Faced with the threat of environmental catastrophe," he said, "the dividing lines of the dipolar ideological world are receding. The biosphere recognises no division into blocs, alliances or systems.

"All share the same climatic system and no one is in a position to build his own isolated and independent line of environmental defence."

It is more sensible, he said, to abolish some military programmes and channel funds into environmental security.

Shevardnadze's speech, again emphasising what he called "new political thinking," followed by one day the seventh and last address of President Ronald Reagan to the 159-member world body. Reagan, while continuing his annual lectures on the superiority of US democracy and free enterprise, also was significantly more conciliatory than in the past.

In contrast to previous years, he limited his specific criticism of the Soviet Union to passing references to its human rights practices and he praised improvements in US-Soviet relations.

Eduard Shevardnadze

But it was Shevardnadze's speech, devoid of the hard news and headlines that attract reporters, which showed the most far-reaching reassessments in political thinking, an evolution of the changing Soviet position over the past few years since Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev took over.

He again proposed strengthening of the United Nations and said that while safeguarding their sovereignty, nations would subordinate some interests to the international purpose of peace and to multilateral forums.

"The Soviet Union is reconsidering its previous attitude to the UN organisation's economic institutions," Shevardnadze said, referring to his nation's reluctance to participate fully.

Shevardnadze's major statements, taken from the official English-language text, included:

- "While not renouncing any of our values ... the Soviet Union supports a deideologization of international relations and the exclusion of an overwhelming component of ideological differences from foreign policy and diplomacy. It expects and wishes that others do likewise."

Hungarian hard-liners mount tough attack

By David Lewis

BUDAPEST, (Reuter): Hard-line members of the Hungarian Communist Party have mounted a tough new attack against the liberalising leadership of Prime Minister Karoly Grosz, in power for only four months.

Speakers at a meeting on Tuesday of the party's Central Committee, its policy-making body, accused the leadership of weakness, confusion and defensiveness in the face of what one called "unbridled rightism."

Another said party members were in despair at the sight of the party marching towards bourgeois capitalism. Others compared the political climate to that preceding the 1956 anti-communist uprising.

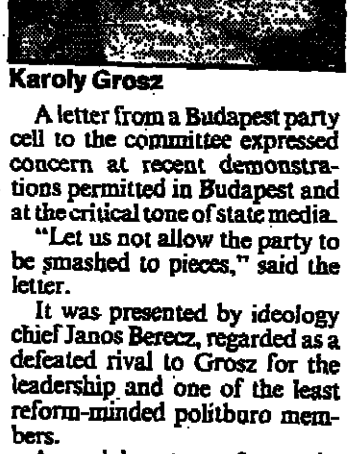
Grosz, prime minister since 1987, bolstered his power in May by succeeding Kadar, receiving in the process the fulsome endorsement of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Absence

Kadar, conspicious by his absence at the last Central Committee meeting after being "kicked upstairs" to the honorary post of party president, attended Tuesday's Central Committee meeting and even presided over one of its sessions.

"It certainly looks like a bit of a counter-attack by the conservatives," one Western diplomat said.

Matyas Szuros, the Central Committee secretary for foreign affairs and a leading reformist, told a radio interviewer parts of the debate contained elements of "regression."



Karoly Grosz

A letter from a Budapest party cell to the committee expressed concern at recent demonstrations permitted in Budapest and at the critical tone of state media.

"Let us not allow the party to be smashed to pieces," said the letter.

It was presented by ideology chief Janos Berecz, regarded as a defeated rival to Grosz for the leadership and one of the least reform-minded politburo members.

A special party conference in May swept out most of the old guard led by Kadar, leader since Soviet tanks quashed the 1956 uprising, and swept in a team of reformers behind the pragmatic Grosz.

Most observers do not see Grosz as an instinctive political reformer but media and civic freedoms have surged since he took over as general-secretary, probably under the influence of reformist politburo members like Imre Pozsgay and Rezso Nyers.

Independent, democratic and reform-minded groups previously either repressed or harassed are flourishing, many with platforms seemingly at odds with the current system.

Hundreds of leading intellectural have founded a Hungarian democratic forum which wants a multi-party system, aims to field candidates for parliament and calls the failed 1956 rebellion a revolution, not a "counter-revolution" as the party describes it.

Another reform group, the New March Front — whose founding members include Nyers, thrown out of the politburo for radicalism in the 1970s before his re-election in May — speaks of a crisis in Hungary and calls for a review of the party's leading role.

And an independent youth movement called Fidesz, due to hold a founding congress this weekend, is seeking to break the monopoly of the party-backed youth organisation Kisz.

While the media under Kadar would have ignored such groups, they are now widely reported.

Despite the hardliners' assault on change at the Central Committee meeting, one diplomat said he drew comfort for the cause of reform at the way the media covered the meeting.

Astrology helped by 'Reagan effect'

Predicting the future by computer

By Sally Brompton

No longer regarded as the prerogative of the lunatic fringe, astrology is even being considered as a serious business tool. The advent of the personal computer has revolutionised the traditional system of what its detractors like to describe as fortune-telling.

PARTICIPANTS in a recent summer school on astrology included a surgeon, a chemical engineer, and the senior fund manager of the fourth-largest mutual fund in the world. All felt that they could benefit professionally from this ancient method of self-analysis and prediction.

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"A lot of the market professionals know about astrology and watch it out of the corner of their eye," says Daniel Pallant, a trader and financial astrologer who advises about two dozen major companies on their investments. "It's a credibility matter. It's pretty flaky to think that stars over planets affect the state of the market, which actually they do."

Pallant spent 12 years and about £80,000 processing data based on the history of the Financial Time's 100 Index. "I looked for things which are supposed to be traditional astrology and a lot didn't work, but I found a lot that did work which had nothing to do with tradition," says Pallant, who estimates that his system is about 80 per cent accurate at predicting medium-term trends.

"We have quite a good reputation within the investment trust and unit trust industries, who use us as an additional tool to technical analysis."

Astrologers have also benefited from the revelation that one of their number had a hand in the affairs of President Reagan. This growth in interest is known in astrological circles as the "Reagan Effect."

"People don't realise that newspaper horoscopes are nothing more than an idiot's lantern vision of the real thing," explains Charles Harvey, president of the Astrological Association, who charges £20 an hour for private and corporate consultations.

"The truth is that astrology is an extraordinary and profound subject which has been around in its present form for at least 40 or 50 years that people have prostituted it for the newspapers."

Possible

His is a view echoed by the more reputable of the media astrologers. "There are no newspaper or magazine sun sign astrologers who could put their hands on their hearts and tell you that what they are doing is a true representation of what astrology has to offer," says Jonathan Cainer, astrologer to Today and Woman.

"It is by nature an editorial trick and bastardisation of a wonderful art. Producing a horoscope for all Librans or Arians is almost exactly like saying 'today I'm going to make a forecast for anyone who comes from Scotland.'"

Cainer believes it is possible to "predict into the future a bit but not to make cut-and-dried, 100 per cent predictions. When I do something like announcing that David Owen will renounce his leadersip of the Alliance and be succeeded by Paddy Ashdown it is an informed guess, a mixture of common sense and what the horoscopes say. I think 'what the hell, I'll stick my neck out and say that it's definitely going to happen.'"

He has noticed a changing attitude towards astrology among the intelligentsia. "There was a time when astrology was for eccentrics or for showbusiness. If you were an educated, intelligent person who was interested in it you were either loopy or in it for the money. Now I come across far fewer of the old, tired, cynical arguments."

One person who has no time for horoscopes is Heather Couper, a popular astronomer who publicly debunked astrology in a TV show recently in the UK.

"If astrology worked it would be amazingly powerful but if you study it statistically you discover that there is no correlation between what astrologers predict and what actually happens. And as far as assessing personalities goes, it all comes back to what people want to believe."

Professor Hans Eysenck, emeritus professor of psychology at the University of London, has studied most of the evidence for and against astrology, and is sceptical. "Somebody predicts something all the time so obviously they can't always be wrong," he says. "I remember dreaming the Derby winner; unfortunately it was the wrong horse. But if lots of people dream about it, someone is bound to dream the right one."

Scepticism

Despite scientific scepticism, many public figures are said to have sought the assistance of astrology, including Hitler, Sheikh Yamani, and Teddy Roosevelt. Woodrow Wyatt was one of the few major figures to have openly supported the Reagans. "There is something going on out there which is real although we do not understand it," he claims.

The most meticulous scientific research into the subject has been done by French psychologist and statistician Michel Gauquelin, who has discovered that links between people's characters and the position of the planets at the time of their birth are greater than they would be according to chance.

The idea, however, of using astrology as a means of assessing the suitability of job applicants, as is reputed to happen in America, is described by Eysenk as "rather threatening." Even so, a growing number of psychotherapists and medical practitioners see it as a useful means of discovering a patient's personality traits; and there are said to be surgeons who think twice about operating when the moon is full since that is when patients are believed to bleed more. The effects of the moon have always been taken more seriously by the masses than those of the planets and the stars.

Social work is another area in which it is hinted that astrology is being increasingly used. Pamela Brooke-Jones, a former social worker in psychiatric hospitals, admits that she found astrology very useful in her job.

"It gave me an insight into the basic personality of my patients when it came to making assessments," she says.

Today, she uses astrology to help find work for the unemployed on Deeside. "By working out their birth charts we are able to discover their untapped potentials and encourage them to go after jobs they wouldn't have thought of doing before, and a remarkable number have been successful."

For its leading protagonists, there is more to astrology than inner awareness; most of them are able to predict glittering financial rewards — for themselves — both at the mass-media horoscope end of the market and in stro-therapy and business consultations. There are three times as many male astrologers as female but many women do their jobs part-time. Men tend to make it a full time career and so make more money.

Cainer, who sends out between 20,000 and 30,000 computerised personal horoscopes a year at about £10 a time, is one of hundreds of people providing a similar service.

The most authentic, according to Charles Harvey, is a new Swiss system, Astro Intelligence, which provides a psychological horoscope analysis by the respected astrologer and Jungian therapist Liz Greene, and which costs just under £20 for a 20-page computer print-out — a bargain compared with the price of a horoscope and personal session with someone of Greene's calibre, which can cost between £100 and £200.

With such rich pickings to be had, it is scarcely surprising that candidates are flocking to spend almost £500 on diploma correspondence courses.

One of the best-known of the media astrologers is Patric Walker, who was trained by the legendary Celeste. He refuses to do personal horoscopes but nevertheless lives in self-enforced exile on a Greek island on the proceeds of his world-wide syndicated columns, books and articles. Like most of the media astrologers, Walker never looks at his own horoscope.

"I honestly don't believe that every day you have to find out where the sun, moon and planets are because I don't think we are controlled. Astrology is all about the proper use of free will."

At Charles Harvey's suggestion I sent off for the Astro Intelligence horoscope myself. It perceptively recognised my wit, culture, clarity of intellect and realistic world view.

It reminded me of an experiment by Gauquelin who sent out "personal" horoscopes in response to requests from a random cross-section of the French public. Ninety per cent of them recognised themselves immediately while 85 per cent of their spouses commented on the remarkable accuracy of the horoscopes. In fact, Gauquelin had sent them all the same personality profile — that of a mass murderer.

One woman's account of her struggle with '92 separate individuals' in her body

Multiple personality disorder: a living hell

By Carlton Stuart

BLONDE executive Truddi Chase faced the eager group of businessmen and lawyers crowded around the conference table in the office of a leading property company. Everything seemed perfectly set for her to make another crucial deal.

Then she stared mesmerised at the ashtray in front of her, where moments before, she had placed a single smouldering cigarette. Now to her bewilderment, at the side of her butt, was another lipstick-stained cigarette — yet she was the only woman in the room.

Suddenly the voices of those around her grew fainter and to everyone's amazement, the usually businesslike Truddi drawled: "Lordy, I'm riding an ass to prayer meetin' tonight." Then she leant over and put her blonde head on the astonished purchaser's shoulder.

The meeting ended in embarrassed disorder. A few days later, the controlled, perfectly composed Truddi Chase sat in the spotlessly clean, super-smart living room of her suburban home and told her strange story to psychotherapist Robert A. Phillips Junior.

She insisted: "It was not me vamping the purchaser at that meeting like a streetwise kid. It was Miss Wonderful."

Threatened

Today, the cool, sophisticated businesswoman from Upper New York State finds her life and career threatened, not just by the destructive Miss Wonderful, but by no less than 92 separate individuals who live in her body.

Truddi calls them The Troops. They include Elvira the Vamp, Miss Wonderful, Lamb Chop and Mean Joe, who's black.

The tragic fantasy world she lives in was brought on at the age of two as a defence against constant sexual abuse from her mother and stepfather.

But for years Truddi had no idea what was happening to her.

She suffered dizzy spells, memory loss and wondered if she was going mad. She was tested for epilepsy and pumped full of drugs.

Then she met Dr Phillips and together they unravelled the bizarre truth. She suffers from multiple personality disorder.

Dr Phillips explains: "She is not insane in any legal sense and, beyond signs of understandable strain, there is nothing physically wrong with her."

For Truddi, however, life has at times, seemed like a living hell.

She reveals: "Before my marriage broke up things got so bad that I was treated for Post Menstrual Tension. The same doctor who had delivered my daughter Page prescribed valium and when that didn't work he gave me librium. The tests seemed to go on for ever. I'd never seen so many doctors and needles and pills.

"But no illness was ever found."

Dr Phillips learned that when Truddi left that crucial business meeting, she had recovered her composure and tried to drive home. But as the car swung into the heavy traffic, a firm male voice had ordered her: "Pull over, I'm driving."

Then she saw the man's hand turn up the radio to maximum volume as the car began shooting through traffic from one lane to another. The actions were not her own.

She told the psychotherapist: "I was obeying instructions from The Outrider. Then I was being protected by Miss Wonderful who told me to pull in for a cup of coffee where we'd be joined by Mean Joe.

Truddi Chase: trying to cope with her changing personalities

Robert Phillips began probing the early life of his patient. He discovered that her childhood had been lived in a succession of rooming houses in small American towns. Her parents had separated when she was just two and her mother married a man who constantly abused Truddi sexually, physically and emotionally.

The stepfather's abuse of Truddi continued for 14 years with threats of violence if she ever disclosed what had happened to her.

When Truddi was 16 her stepfather left the family and she drifted, friendless and alone, to Washington where she worked as a commercial artist. Her eventual marriage was plagued with temper tantrums, periodic blackouts and bouts of continual dizziness.

Inevitably, the couple divorced and custody of their daughter was given to the father. But as Truddi's property career blazed with success she soon found that she was losing control of the "people" insider her.

During her sessions with Robert Phillips, her voice had been known to suddenly change and grow hard. Then she would introduce herself as Ten-Four, a tough-minded businesswoman who would tell her: "You're not being fair to your mother. It's wrong to think mean thoughts about a mother who trimmed the crusts off the bread for your school sandwiches."

Earlier, Truddi had told the doctor how once her mother had jabbed her viciously with the sharp point of a lead pencil because she could not do her maths homework.

Persecution

When recalling the numerous incidents of child abuse and persecution, Truddi preferred to become Catherine.

Robert Phillips says: "On these occasions it isn't just her personality that changes but her whole appearance.

"Her eyes become apple green, even her hair style seems to alter and her voice becomes quite different. There are times when she has been Sister Mary Catherine, a nun who calls out 'Harlot.'

The doctor soon diagnosed that Truddi was living in her fantasy world as a defence mechanism against the sexual and emotional abuse she had suffered.

At the psychotherapist's suggestion, Truddi was encouraged to write down her experiences. At first, the manuscript came in pages of typewritten notes. Then in an inexpicable succession of different styles of handwriting. But nothing prepared him for the handmade greetings card he received from Truddi.

Inside was an incredibly intricate poem written in a style that was almost 200 years old.

He finally deciphered the signature which read: "Ean, for The Troops."

Truddi knew nothing of the prose but she readily answered the doctor's question: "Of course, I know Ean. He's one of The Troops. He's an Irish philosopher and poet, a genius..."

In the middle of her therapy lessons, Truddi's voice would drop to that of a two year old as she became Lamb Chop, the little girl who is protected by Mean Joe, laughed at by Elvira the Vamp and watched over by Rabbit all people who live inside her.

But she always reverts to being Catherine when she recalls the farmhouse where her stepfather abused her.

Catherine declares: "I remember the isolation of the farm, snowbanks taller than a man's head; days verging into weeks, the total silence when nothing moved across the winter landscape."

Now Truddi's therapy sessions have been videoed and the tapes handed over for study by other psychotherapists at the Protective Services Clinic at Cashell, Maryland, in the United States.

Rare

Robert Phillips explains: "Multi-personality as experienced by Truddi is very rare indeed. Psychiatrists reckon that throughout the world in countries where records are kept there are not more than 200 known cases. This is why her experience is so fascinating and what she has to tell us may help other sufferers."

Truddi is *still* undergoing periodic sessions with Robert Phillips and trying to cope with her changing personalities. But sometimes she is even affected physically and her face shape and eye colour change dramatically.

Truddi declares: "I can go into my doctor on Monday and be pregnant, then on Friday I'm not. One day I'm allergic to something, the next I'm not."

All sorts of things trigger the switches in personalities. Some have not reappeared for as long as a year.

In addition, The Troops — Truddi's name for her "other" people — sort out who can best cope with a given situation.

She explains: "If I see a piece of chocolate cake, somebody who likes chocolate cake will come out and eat the whole thing. Once you understand what is going on, it's not so frightening."

These days she no longer has her own business but works in Dallas as a secretary because it is less demanding. Her treatment now consists of simple therapy over the telephone or sometimes a swift plane trip for a counselling session at the Protective Services clinic although it is unlikely she will ever be cured. But with her boyfriend Daniel she has learned to cope with life and, as part of the therapy, Truddi has written a book about her experiences.

Of course, she did it with the help of The Troops.

'When Rabbit Howls' by The Troops for Truddi Chase (Sidgwick & Jackson, UK£13.95)

Concentrate now, medical hypnosis is becoming a very serious discipline

By Paul Verschuur

THE Hague, Netherlands (AP): Hypnosis was once the business of quacks and charlatans. But today, it is finding increasing acceptance as a serious and useful treatment for dozens of illnesses, ranging from phobias to headaches.

"The process (of acceptance) is still going on," says Belgian psychiatrist Dr Richard van Dyck at the International Congress of Hypnosis and Psychosomatic Medicine in The Hague. A professor of psychiatry at Amsterdam's Free University, Van Dyck served as chairman of the conference's scientific committee.

Van Dyck claimed that there are only few nations who restrict the practice of hypnotism to formally qualified therapists. As a result, he said, unscrupulous practitioners still induce their subjects to carry out "weird and fantastic behaviour," sometimes even during public performances.

"All along, there have been swings in the amount of interest" in hypnosis as a serious branch of science, said Van Dyck.

One sign of the level of current interest was the turnout of some 600 doctors, psychotherapists and dentists at The Hague conference on modern applications of hypnosis.

The conference was the 11th in a series that began in Paris in 1889.

Hypnosis first became popular in the late 18th century because of the work of Franz Mesmer, an Austrian physician who theorised about what he called "animal magnetism."

But only in the 1950s did it become a topic for serious psychological study, when the American researcher Ernest Hilgard designed a scale to measure how much a person is susceptible to being hypnotised.

"People who are easily hypnotised ... have generally been more interested in the world of fantasy ever since their youth... they're often very creative," Van Dyck said.

"On average, I wouldn't expect the same degree of hypnotisability among mathematicians as among theatre actors," he added.

In the 1970s, psychiatrists in the United States began to discover hypnotism was a valuable tool in helping veterans of the Vietnam war overcome traumatic experiences.

Today, the treatment of post-traumatic distress is one of the most important psychiatric applications of hypnosis.

Meanwhile, general practitioners use it to combat disorders ranging from tension headache to psoriasis, and dentists increasingly rely on hypnosis to help patients overcome dental phobia. Some even use hypnosis as a substitute for anaesthesia.

Another question being explored is whether hypnosis can be made to boost man's disease-fighting immune system — possibly some day helping combat acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Hypnosis already has been found effective in the treatment of some types of immune-related illnesses, such as warts, Karen Olness, an American researcher, said in an interview at the conference.

She is now conducting research on whether hypnosis can help children infected with the AIDS virus boost their immune systems. The Cleveland, Ohio researcher said she is "very optimistic" that hypnosis could eventually have an effect on AIDS.

"Hypnosis can be regarded as a state of increased concentration," Van Dyck said. "The (patient's) normal experience of reality gradually fades." During hypnosis, a patient is increasedly susceptible to suggestions that would otherwise seem strange or even offensive, although the patient generally retains some control over the process and can end the hypnosis when it gets too threatening.

A hypnotic state can be induced by any of dozen methods, and most patients can eventually enter hypnosis alone, he said.

In one of the most commonly used approaches, a patient is asked to pick a random point on the wall and stare at it, locking out all other mental activity. In another, patients are told to imagine their hand is getting gradually lighter and eventually levitating.

"There's a personal element in it too. Hypnosis has got to be a little interesting to be effective," Van Dyck said, adding that the choice of what he calls "ritual" often depends on the individual patient.

However, "it's not without some danger. There are people who really have a hard time resisting what is being suggested to them" under hypnosis, he added.

Scottish pop group makes a big impact in America

Wet, Wet, Wet are a hit, hit, hit

By John Swenson

NEW YORK, (UPI): The British music scene has been going through a quiet revolution recently as young bands reject the freeze-dried, fashion-dominated trends of '80s pop for a tougher approach that harks back to the mid-1970s.

One of the biggest UK success stories in the past year has been the rise to prominence of a Scottish blue-eyed soul band called Wet Wet Wet, a group that plays classic American soul with the conviction of true believers.

The Glasgow combo, led by golden-throated lead singer Marty Pello, saw its debut album, **Popped In Souled Out,** rocket to No. 1 and yield three top 10 hit singles. The band's cover of **With A Little Help From My Friends,** taken from the **Sgt Pepper Knew My Father** benefit album, was No. 1 for five weeks earlier this year.

Though the band's American impact is decidedly smaller, the near-hysterical reception Wet Wet Wet received in the packed, seaty confines of Manhattan's trendy showcase, the Cat Club, suggests that the band already has a strong cult following here.

"It's strange for us," said keyboardist Neil Mitchell after the show. "We just finished a British tour playing to about 15,000 people a night, and we come here and play to 300 people in Boston. From Birmingham to Boston."

Reasons

Pello relished the challenge of breaking new ground. "It's just another punter with a different accent," he said of the American audience. "I'm still gonna go out and give the exact same performance."

"We're confident that audiences will like us because the songs are good. We believe in our music, we have songs with substance and depth, and colour, and we have a great time playing them. People like to see other people enjoying themselves."

One of the reasons these Glaswegians are having such a good time is that they couldn't even get gigs only a few years ago.

"We got our start around the time of the punk movement," said Pello. "Listening to the Clash and Elvis Costello. The attitude was anyone could join a band, so we did it outselves."

"As time went on we matured, and our sound began to change. We've been together for about seven years. We got together at Clydebank High, and we all got thrown out. We were 15, 16. We were on a one-day ticket to oblivion. Our music was an escape and it became a way of life. We just sat in our rooms and wrote songs.

"On our first gig we played a community centre and everybody booed us. We were doing songs that ended up on the first album, **Angel Eyes, The Moment You Left Me.** We were playing to a really young audience. They just wanted to hear Buzzcocks Covers."

Wet, Wet, Wet: in full control

The band worked on its material and developed its own distinctive soul-derived style. "I'm very much influenced by the Philadelphia sound," Pello explained. "My favourite singers are Jerry Butler, Carla Thomas, Ann Peebles and Al Green. The biggest influences on my songwriting are Burt Bacharach and Hal David, who are very much involved with melody."

When the band felt they were ready to make a record, they travelled to Memphis, Tennessee, to see Willie Mitchell, the house producer at legendary Hi records.

"We were very naive," said Neil Mitchell, "and we didn't know what a producer was so we went to our record collection and looked at the names. We saw Willie Mitchell's name of the back of an Al Greene album and said let's go find him.

"He was really supportive and we learned a lot from him. We recorded about 10 songs with Willie, but we didn't feel like putting them out as our first album. "It's more of a self-indulgent thing so we didn't think it was right to start out that way. We are going to release it now, though, before the second album comes out."

The band is starting to make long-range decisions, Mitchell said, "because we plan to be around for a long time."

Pop evolution of the saxophone

Kenny G and Co: groovy music but is it really jazz?

By Ken Franckling

SARATOGA SPRINGS, New York, (UPI): The saxophone has been the most distinctive voice in jazz since the 1920s, mostly because many of its versions match the human voice in range.

Unlike the brilliant, piercing trumpet, there often is a vocal quality to the playing.

Satiny

The tenor and soprano horns have dominated the sax market, with fewer players specializing in the alto and baritone models. Coleman Hawkins, the first great voice on tenor saxophone, set the pace for all jazz tenors through the 1930s.

Grover Washington Jr., attracted to the saxophone sounds of Hawkins, Ben Webster, Don Byas, Lester Young and Coltrane, found crossover success in the mid-1970s with his own satiny funk sound that melded jazz and pop. In 1981, it reaped him Grammys for the jazz-fusion album Winelight and its R&B single Just the Two of Us featuring singer Bil Withers.

While maintaining its jazz dominance, the reed instrument has over the past 15 years taken a greater foothold in the pop field. Clarence Clemons' solos added a new dimension to the Bruce Springsteen sound in the early 1970s.

The riveting tenor solos of Raphael Ravenscroft helped make Baker Street a 1978 hit for guitarist British singer-guitarist Gerry Rafferty on the City to City album.

Every major rock star worth his or her salt soon had a tenor player aboard on recording sessions and concert tours.

The saxophone's pop evolution has come full circle in the last three years with the successive emergence of soprano specialists George Howard, Kenny G, Najee and Gerald Albright. They brought the saxophone to the centre spotlight in a way previously reserved for vocalists.

With hype and strong record company promotion, their instrumentals have been riding high on the pop charts, R&B rankings and the Grab Bag listing called contemporary jazz.

At first listen, I thought the four of them Grover Washington clones, but that lable isn't fair to Washington. He can, and still does, cut loose in the jazz sphere when he wishes. His 1984 duet album with guitarist Kenny Burrell, Togethering, is a fine example.

Equally fine is his new acoustic jazz album, Then and N, released this month by Columbia Records, which features Tommy Flanagan, Herbie Hancock, Ron Carter, Marvin Smith and young Russian saxophonist Igor Butman.

The Grover Washington imitators have no such roots. They stick with a slick musical formula that is both commercial and reaches out to a mass audience. They can't settle into a jazz groove because they have no grasp or understanding of the vast jazz repertoire.

Misled

Unlike Washington, most of them would never feel comfortable in a jam session where any tune is likely to be called.

But since they sell tickets and draw large crowds, they often share top billing at jazz festivals across the country. Kenny G and Najee were on the roster for this month's Newport jazz at Saratoga, a two-day outdoor windup to the huge JVC jazz festival in New York.

The way Kenny G was received, you'd think this pleasant, curly-haired young man from Seattle was named Michael Jackson. The crowd gushed and cheered at the mere mention of a song, a gyration or a syrupy lick of notes that said nothing musically.

But the audience loved it. So do his listeners, who have bought 2.5 million Kenny G albums in the past two years.

I'm not begrudging these young gents their obvious success. Far from it. They are playing something the mass audience loves. It also sounds nice.

But don't call it jazz, and don't be misled by recording industry 'Top 10' charts into thinking that it is jazz.

Bobby McFerrin makes it to No. 1 in USA

Hollies top UK charts again

LONDON, (AP): The Hollies' re-release of He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother topped the British pop singles chart for the second week in a row, while Desire by U2 shot from off the charts into second spot.

Teardrops by Womack and Womack remained at third place, and A Groovy Kind of Love by Phil Collins slipped from second to fourth.

Making its first appearance in the top 10 was One Moment In Time by Whitney Houston.

Top Ten UK

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

1. (1) He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother — Hollies (EMI).
2. (—) Desire — U2 (Island).
3. (3) Teardrops — Womack and Womack (Fourth and Broadway).
4. (2) A Groovy Kind Of Love — Phil Collins (Virgin).
5. (4) Lovely Day (Sunshine Mix) — Bill Withers (CBS).
6. (5) Big Fun - Inner City — Kevin Saunderson (10 Records).
7. (9) Domino Dancing — Pet shop Boys (Parlophone).
8. (7) Nothing Can Divide Us — Jason Donovan (PWL).
9. (—) One Moment In Time — Whitney Houston (Arista).
10. (6) The Race — Yello (Mercury).

And in New York, Bobby McFerrin and his Don't Worry Be Happy took over the top of the single pop record charts in the United States. The hit disc was third a week ago.

Sweet Child O' Mine by Guns 'n Roses slipped from number one to second spot on the Cash Box magazine chart. Soaring into third place, up from sixth a week ago, was Love Bites by Def Leppard.

Last week's number two hit, Robert Palmer's Simply Irresistable, toppled to ninth.

The only newcomer to the top 10 list this week was Red Red Wine by UB40, up from 11th to seventh.

As for the country-and-western singles Addicted by Dan Seals took over the top of the Cash Box magazine chart. Streets of Bakersfield by Dwight Yoakam and Buck Owens was second, and We Believe In Happy Endings by Earl Thomas Conley and Emmylou Harris was third.

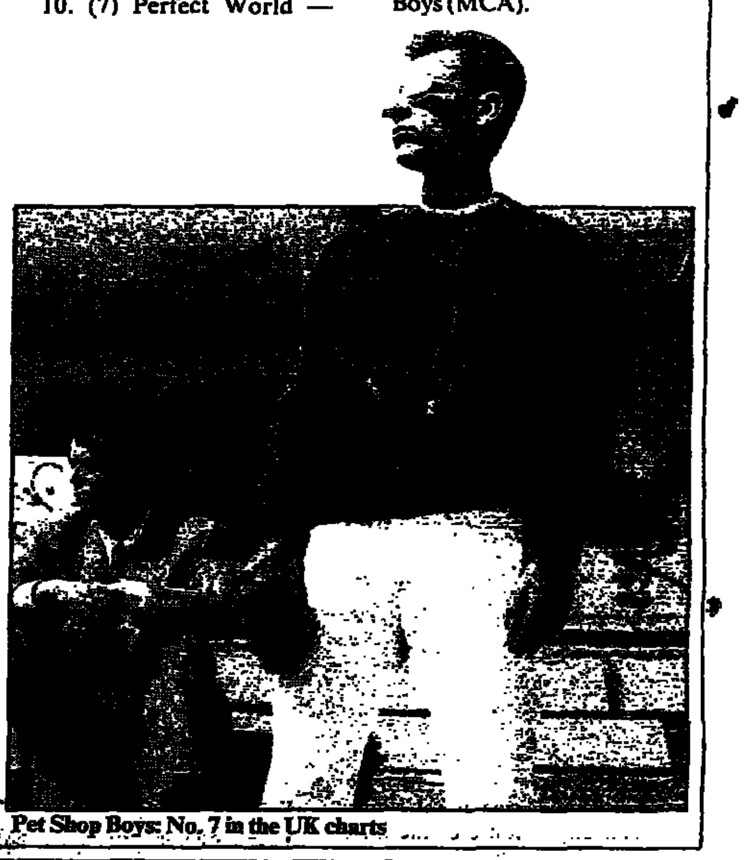
Top Ten US

The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (3) Don't Worry Be Happy — Bobby McFerrin (EMI-Manhattan).
2. (1) Sweet Child O' Mine — Guns 'n Roses (Geffen).
3. (6) Love Bites — Def Leppard (Mercury-Polygram).
4. (4) I'll Always Love You — Taylor Dayne (Arista).
5. (5) If It Isn't Love — New Edition (MCA).
6. (8) One Good Woman — Peter Cetera (Full Moon-Warner Brothers).
7. (11) Red Red Wine — UB40 (A-and-M).
8. (10) Don't Be Cruel — Cheap Trick (Epic).
9. (2) Simply Irresistable — Robert Palmer (EMI-Manhattan).
10. (7) Perfect World — Huey Lewis and the News (Chrysalis).

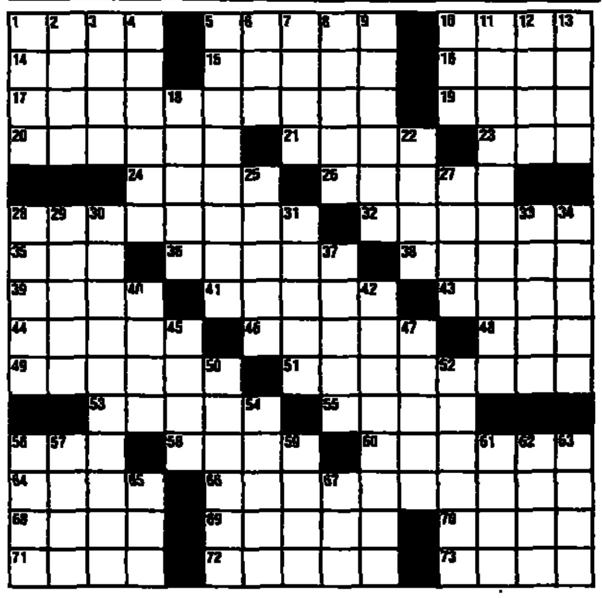
The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) Addicted — Dan Seals (Capitol).
2. (4) Streets of Bakersfield — Dwight Yoakam and Buck Owens (Warner Brothers-Reprise).
3. (3) We Believe in Happy Endings — Earl Thomas Conley with Emmylou Harris (RCA).
4. (5) Honky Tonk Moon — Randy Travis (Warner Brothers).
5. (7) Untold Stories — Kathy Mattea (Mercury).
6. (8) Strong Enough to Bend — Tanya Tucker (Capitol).
7. (11) Button Off My Shirt — Ronnie Milsap (RCA).
8. (12) Darlene — T. Graham Brown (Capitol).
9. (10) Blue Love — The O'Kanes (Columbia).
10. (13) Gonna Take A Lot Of River — The Oak Ridge Boys (MCA).



Pet Shop Boys: No. 7 in the UK charts

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 "The King and I" role
5 Jackie or Marsha
10 Kind of rumor
14 — tube
15 Solo
16 Harness gait
17 "The Right Stuff" subjects
19 Inisfail
20 Grooved wheel
21 Gourmet treat
23 — Girls
24 Narrow-minded
26 Ride a bike
28 Abandoned
32 Big or Little
35 Word with cake or meal
36 Wyoming range
38 Devoid of superfluity
39 Wet blanket
41 Upsets
43 Soaks
44 Icy
46 "A — in the Family" by Agee
48 Prepared
49 Blissful
51 Pressures
53 Like a lion
55 Island dance
56 Org. for a GP
58 Saucy one
60 Annoy
64 Constables are hung here?
66 Cafeteria warmer
68 Angury
69 Storehouse
70 Lacking in ideas
71 Army meal
72 Anguish
73 Witty remarks

DOWN

1 Arabian garments
2 Munch
3 Be aware of
4 Erode by friction
5 Shark or tiger
6 Menu words
7 Minestrone
8 At the ready
9 Built an aerie
10 Resident: Suffix
11 Machinist's tool
12 Body of tradition
13 Summers, in Brest
18 Manifest
22 Rewrite
25 Unsavory
27 Little is one
28 Artful maneuver
29 Like some seals
30 Draws
31 Distributes, with "out"
33 One of the Lauders
34 Coffee breaks, e.g.
37 Below, poetically
40 Lollobrigida
42 Guitarist, e.g.
45 Cacophonies
47 Spartan serf
50 Perfumed
52 Eastern salutation
54 Likewise
56 Energy source
57 Lansbury role
59 Laughter unit
61 River of NE Spain
62 Slice
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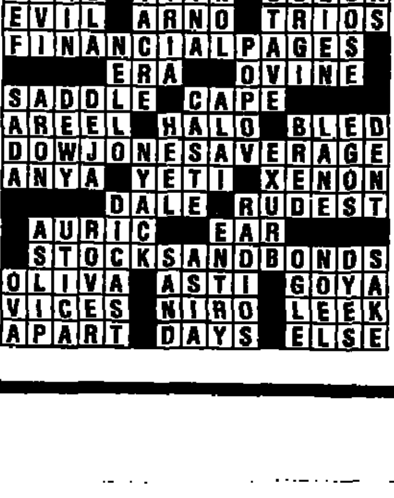
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHO

Neither vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ A Q 9 8 7
♡ 9 4 3
◇ 7 6 2
♣ A 2

WEST	EAST
♠ Void	♠ K J 10 5 4 2
♡ 5 2	♡ J 6
◇ A K Q 4	◇ 8 5 3
♣ K Q 10 8 6 5 3	♣ J 4

SOUTH
♠ 6 3
♡ A K Q 10 8 7
◇ J 10 9
♣ 9 7

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♡
3 ♣	Pass	Pass	3 ♡
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: King of ◇

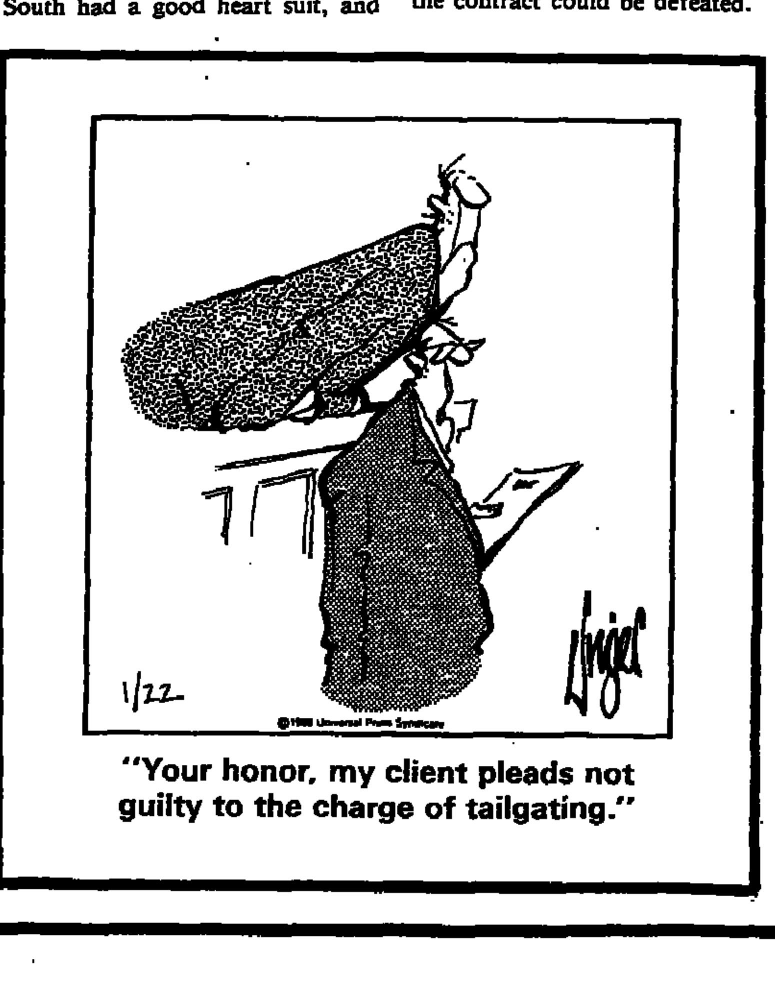
Normally, an endplay is designed to surrender the lead to a specific opponent. Once in while, though, declarer is in a most fortunate position—when he gives up the lead, he really doesn't care which defender wins the trick.

North's one-spade overcall effectively took East out of the auction. South had a good heart suit, and had no intention of letting the enemy buy the hand at the three-level, so he rebid his hearts and became declarer.

West cashed three top diamonds, then shifted to the king of clubs. Declarer drew trumps in two rounds, then paused to consider his chances. He knew that West held at least six clubs, three diamonds and two hearts. Therefore, there was scant chance to make an overtrick by setting up a long spade. Indeed, East was a favorite to hold the king of spades because he was marked with great length in the suit.

Declarer found a simple way to proceed—he exited with a club. If West won the club and had no spade as an exit card, he would be endplayed—either minor-suit return would present declarer with a ruff-sluff. And if he had a spade, declarer would have to fall back on a spade finesse. If East won the club, the contract would be a cinch; not only would a minor-suit return yield a ruff-sluff, but a spade would be into dummy's major tenace.

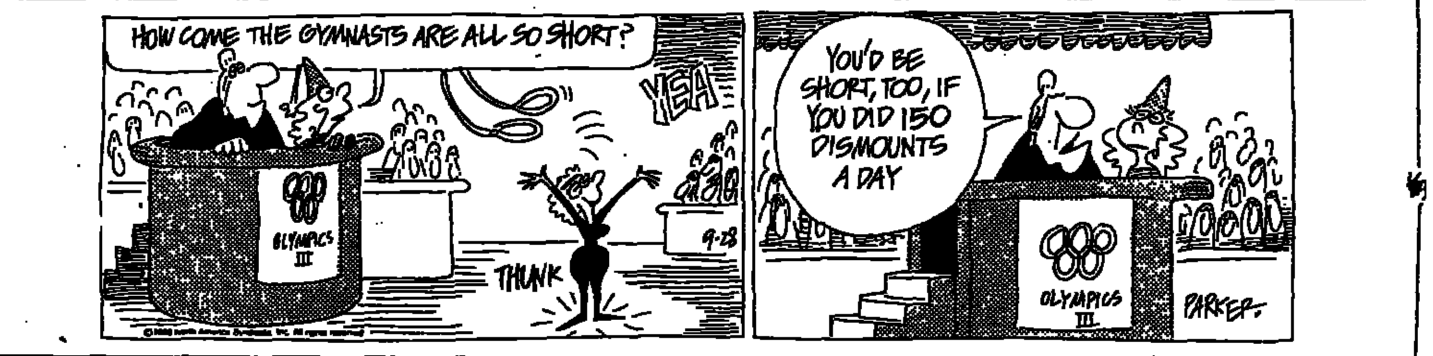
Declarer's play earned a just reward. West was indeed void in spades, and there was now no way the contract could be defeated.



"Your honor, my client pleads not guilty to the charge of tailgating."

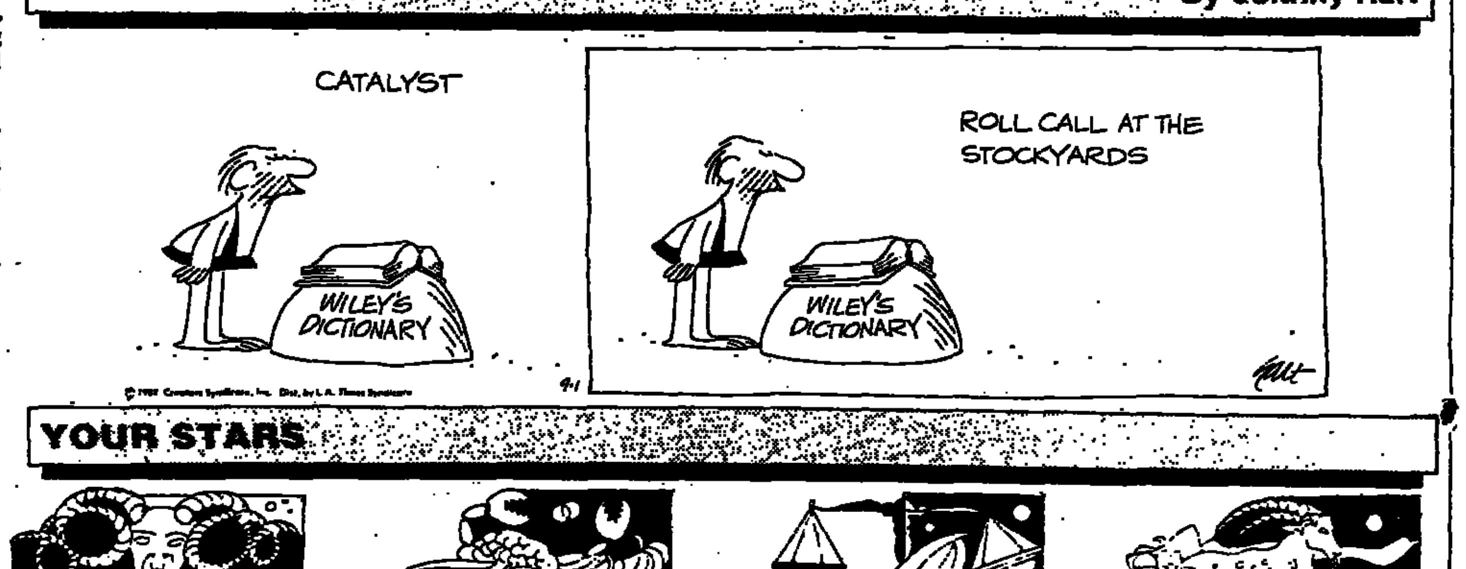
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



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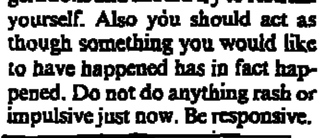
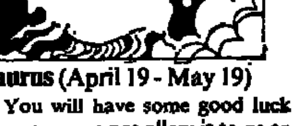


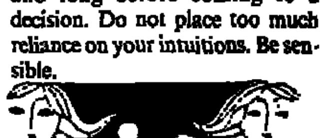
Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will be rather given to exaggerations and should try to restrain yourself. Also you should act as though something you would like to have happened has in fact happened. Do not do anything rash or impulsive just now. Be responsive.



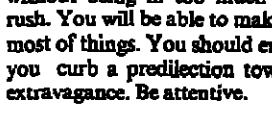
Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will have some good luck but you must not allow it to go to your head. You should think hard and long before coming to a decision. Do not place too much reliance on your intuitions. Be sensible.



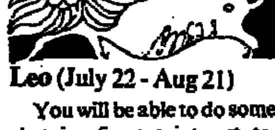
Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be able to make a few changes for the better. Some of those chores you have been neglecting must now be taken care of. You should keep in touch with an old friend who has moved house. Be tactful.



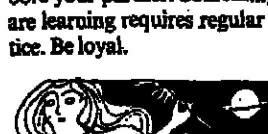
Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should act promptly but without being in too much of a rush. You will be able to make the most of things. You should ensure you curb a predilection towards extravagance. Be attentive.



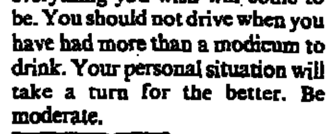
Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will be able to do something that is of great interest to you. Make sure however you do not bore your partner. Something you are learning requires regular practice. Be loyal.



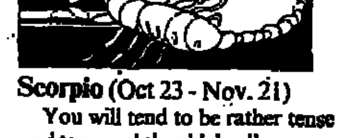
Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will not have the time or energy to do all you would like to do, so do what you consider most important first. You should keep calm even when dealing with someone exciteable. Do not allow yourself to be carried away.



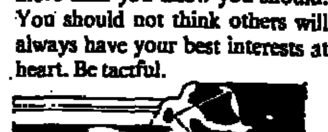
Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)

The prospects are good but not everything you wish will come to be. You should not drive when you have had more than a modicum to drink. Your personal situation will take a turn for the better. Be moderate.



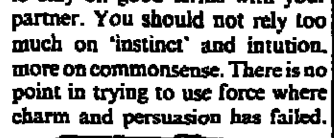
Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

You will tend to be rather tense and terse and should do all you can to relax. Avoid eating or drinking more than you know you should. You should not think others will always have your best interests at heart. Be tactful.



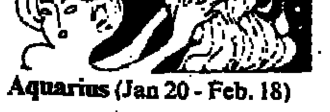
Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21

You should try not to allow your resentments to influence your actions to any great degree. You will be better able to deal with a tense personal situation.



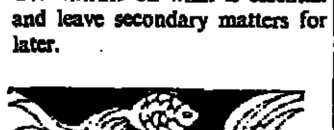
Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will have to make an effort to stay on good terms with your partner. You should not rely too much on 'instinct' and intution, more on commonsense. There is no point in trying to use force where charm and persuasion has failed.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

You will be able to make good use of an excellent opportunity. Concentrate on what is essential and leave secondary matters for later.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will encounter some conflict and tension but with a little bit of goodwill you will be able to deal with them. Make sure that you do not say anything likely to give offence. Have a little more confidence in yourself. Be considerate.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Asia flexes economic muscles at IMF meeting

Interest rate rise seen as threat to Third World

WEST BERLIN, Sept 30, (AP): Financial leaders from 151 countries end their annual meeting yesterday amid warnings that higher interest rates would increase the Third World's $1.2-trillion debt.

"Every rise of 1 percentage point in interest rates costs the debtors another $6 billion a year," said Stanley Fischer, vice president and chief economist of the World Bank.

But higher interest rates are also seen as a way of stifling price increases. In the United States, they also attract money from abroad to meet the government's budget deficit.

"It would be highly undesirable if an excessive concern for inflation were to bring about a spiral of interest rate rises," said Giuliano Amato, Italy's Treasury Minister.

Third World countries already pay more than $50 billion a year on loans subject to variable interest rates, resulting in ballooning payments when rates go up. They complain too much of their earnings already go to interest payments, leaving little for improving living standards.

In many developing countries, especially Africa below the Sahara, residents' incomes have been declining for 20 years.

The Bank and its sister organisation, the International Monetary Fund, have been holding their annual meeting this year in West Berlin. The bank is the chief source of aid for Third World countries, lending about $17 billion a year.

The IMF, which lends about $8 billion a year, was originally concerned with keeping currency rates stable. Now, both bodies devote most of their efforts to helping arrange new loans for Third World countries in the hope the money will be more wisely invested and help debtors "grow out" of their troubles.

Since the meeting began, thousands of leftists have staged sometimes violent protests, charging that the bodies are impoverishing the developing world with restrictive debt policies.

Burden

World Bank and IMF officials respond by saying they are trying to help the indebted Third World, while delegates to the meetings from rich and poor countries have been searching for new ways to lighten the debt burden.

Attention has concentrated on a Japanese proposal from Satoshi Sumita, governor of the Bank of Japan, who told the meeting on Tuesday his bank would turn some of the debt into bonds and sell them to the public. The move, dubbed "securitisation" by traders, would delay repayment by many years.

The bonds would be backed by money paid into special accounts, managed by the IMF.

Proposal

Sumita's proposal left many questions, including whether borrowers would pay less interest, what money they would put into the special accounts, and whether the plan in some way would shift the risk from banks that made the original loans to governments and their taxpayers.

Another issue involved the fund's own monetary unit, the "Special Drawing Right" or SDR. The fund first issued SDRs in 1972 with the hope they would eventually replace gold, the dollar and other currencies as the world's major reserve asset.

But the would-be international currency never caught on, even though about $27 billion worth of SDRS have been issued to governments and some specially authorised banks. US President Ronald Reagan's administration has resisted any further issue since the latest in 1981.

Sumita suggested use of the SDR might be expanded and perhaps extended to private business.

Explosive

Nicholas F. Brady, the new US Secretary of the Treasury, did not comment publicly. Any discussion of reducing the place of the dollar in the world could be politically explosive in the midst of the presidential election campaign in the United States.

Others at the meeting have been sceptical about any bigger role for the SDR, including West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg and Nigel Lawson, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer.

"We shouldn't attach too high expectations to this," said Stoltenberg.

Asian nations flexed their economic muscle at world monetary talks here, but found they will have a fight on their hands to unseat the United States and European countries from the top of the heap.

Led by Japan, they made a play for more say in running the International Monetary Fund (IMF), an institution brought into being 40 years ago by the United States and Britain.

But as the annual meeting of the fund and the World Bank closed on Thursday, the United States, Britain and West Germany made clear they would not give up economic leadership without a fight.

An opening salvo was fired by Japan on Sunday at a meeting of the World Bank and IMF development committee.

Fundamentals

"I strongly hope that Japan's quota share in the IMF will be in line with Japan's economic fundamentals now that its share in the World Bank is second largest after the United States," Bank of Japan Governor Satoshi Sumita said.

Japan has a 4.7 per cent stake in the IMF, behind the United States, Britain, West Germany and France. Its 6.7 per cent stake in the World Bank is second only to that of the United States.

To show it was putting its money where its mouth is, Japan followed up its demand for a greater voice with two initiatives to help the debt-laden Third World, both tied into the IMF.

Next South Korea sought a bigger stake in the IMF for itself and a greater say generally for the newly industrialising economies (NIES) of Asia.

Steps

"The NIES should take steps to increase their participation in international institutions like the fund and the bank," said South Korean Finance Minister Sakong Il. "In turn they should also be invited to voice their opinions in shaping policies of those institutions."

The other Asian NIES are Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

World Business Summary

Saudis announce rise in first quarter trade surplus

RIYADH, Sept 30, (OPECNA): Saudi Arabia has announced a trade surplus of $694.26 million for the first quarter of this year compared to the same period in 1987. According to the Foreign Trade Statistics Department of the Saudi Ministry of Finance and National Economy, the kingdom's total exports in the quarter reached $5.93 billion while imports amounted to 5.23 billion. The trade surplus was $373.83 million more than the amount recorded for the same period last year. It attributed the rise mainly to the higher price of the commodities exported. Revenues from the export of petrochemicals and plastics rose by 75 per cent to $560.75 million over the period while other commodities registered increases of between 106.81 million and 213.62 million. The value of Saudi imports increased by 18.8 per cent or $827.77 million compared with a total of $4.40 billion for the first quarter of 1987. The import value of manufactured goods in the first three months of 1988 rose by 2.6 per cent, accounting for $720.96 million. Imports included automobiles, electrical appliances, pharmaceuticals, cereals, jewellery, furniture, frozen poultry, textiles, garments and milk.

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Plunging share prices anger investors

Taiwan measure triggers panic selling in stock market

TAIPEI, Taiwan, Sept 30, (AP): Panicky investors rushed to sell their stocks on Thursday in reaction to a government plan to reimpose a stock income tax to cool an overheated market.

Stock brokerages were flooded with selling orders that found few buyers when the market re-opened after the four-day mid-autumn festival holiday, traders reported.

On Saturday, the Finance Ministry said the government would reimpose a tax of up to 50 per cent on stock profits next year. The tax was lifted in 1976 when Taiwan's economy slowed drastically because of the international oil crisis.

"There was an obvious pessimistic reaction," said a trader at Jih Sun Securities Company, a major stock brokerage firm, where hundreds of investors watched display boards showing prices plunging.

Prices

Most of the prices had dropped the maximum 3 per cent daily loss allowed by the government. Under that regulation, traders must not buy or sell stocks for less than that price.

When the market closed at noon, the stock price index was down 175.96 points from Saturday's 8,613.82-point close. Turnover totalled 280 million Taiwan dollars ($9.6 million), down from Saturday's 47.5 billion Taiwan dollars ($1.6 billion).

"Prices would have fallen more drastically if it were not for the government's daily loss limit," said the trader at Jin Sun, who spoke on condition of anonymity. He called the day "Black Thursday."

Taiwan investors look on in dismay as the island's stock index plummeted on Thursday, the first trading day after the government announced it would tax stock profits next year. Thousands of small investors flooded the market with sell orders, but there were few buyers. (Reuter wirephoto)

"We were caught up," said an investor, who identified herself only as Ms. Wu. "The government should not have waited until now to announce the severe tax. It should have done this half a year ago before the prices soared up like this."

Wu said she purchased 10 million Taiwan dollars (about $350,000) worth of shares on Saturday when the stock index hit a record high of 8,789.78 points, a 275 per cent increase from last December.

"The government may find it very difficult to solve this situation," said Wang Mei-Ling, a housewife. "Investors have lost confidence in the government. The market could crash and lead to broken families and other social problems."

Market analysts expect stock prices to continue to drop for another two weeks before stabilising.

The government, they said, imposed the stock profit tax to control rampant stock speculation that could have resulted in severe losses for investors if the market had crashed.

Taiwan's stock market has been manipulated by major players including underground investment firms that attract deposits by offering interest rates on deposits as high as 4 per cent a month. Analysts say a market crash could have forced those companies to close and result in losses for numerous investors.

John Chien, president of federated International Securities Consulting Company, said the tax measure "was too drastic and came too late." He said many new investors were attracted by the booming market and invested heavily.

Finance Minister Shirley Kuo said on Tuesday the stock tax would not trigger a market crash because Taiwan has a robust economy that could sustain a market growth.

Taiwan's economy grew 11 per cent last year and is expected to grow 7.3 per cent this year.

About 800 investors angered by plunging share prices demonstrated yesterday outside the Finance Ministry to demand the government postpone or withdraw its plan to reimpose a stock profit tax.

The investors, shouting "step down (Finance Minister) Shirley Kuo," were prevented from entering the ministry building by some 100 policemen.

Some protesters asked the stock market be closed while the government works out a more acceptable tax plan with investors.

Overseas investment in S. Korea rises sharply

SEOUL, South Korea, Sept 30, (AP): Attracted by a booming economy, foreign businesses invested $986 million in South Korea in the first eight months of this year, up 66.8 per cent from the same period last year, the Finance Ministry reported today.

Officials said the figure is certain to exceed the previous record of $1.06 billion for all of last year.

The officials said 53.2 per cent of the January-August tally, $525 million, went to service industries including hotels, financing and fast food businesses.

Restrictions

Officials said the government's easing of restrictions on foreign capital investment has contributed to the rapid rise in the inflow of foreign funds, in addition to strong export-led growth.

Foreign investment in South Korea averaged $155 million a year during the past 26 years since 1962, when the government began tracking foreign investment.

The South Korean economy, which grew 12 per cent in real terms last year, is expected to grow about 10 per cent in 1988, according to the Economic Planning Board.

Some South Korean economists and businessmen were also hopeful that the Olympic Games now under way in Seoul would spur economic growth further.

Gulf states in bid to seize bigger slice of oil market

BAHRAIN, Sept 30, (Reuter): Oil-producing heavyweights in the Gulf are battling to raise their own share of world markets, increasingly ignoring OPEC unity and seeking to control output right from desert well to petrol pump, analysts say.

"The rules of the game are changing ... all the (Gulf) states are fighting on their own to preserve and raise market shares and earn more, without regard for OPEC unity," one Gulf-based oil analyst said.

Fall

The Gulf states have been hard hit by the fall in the price of oil which is now around $11 a barrel, nearly $7 under OPEC's official selling price.

Saudi Arabia, the biggest producer within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, has seen its 9.9 million barrels per day (BPD) production peak in 1980, shrink to its 4.34 million BPD OPEC quota level in 1987.

Income

The kingdom's 20 per cent share in the non-communist world's oil market dipped to 8.8 per cent during the same period, said analysts, as a result of fierce competition by other producers both inside and outside the organisation.

In a bid to claw-back their lost income, Gulf states have since the beginning of August increased output and cut prices, fracturing OPEC's 1986 price and output pact.

In a move to secure oil sales even when demand drops Gulf states are acquiring distribution networks in consumer countries.

Gulf states are also at odds with other OPEC members like Iran and Venezuela on issues ranging from defining what is crude oil to pricing it and to assigning a quota to Iraq, which remained outside the organisation's output pact.

"Gulf states want to wield more power in the market and feel OPEC's smaller members are keeping them tied up," another analyst said. "However it is still too early to predict that OPEC will disintegrate."

Overproduction

The present glut, blamed by many on OPEC overproduction, brought crude oil prices to two-year lows in world spot markets, plunging in September nearly $7 below OPEC's $18-a-barrel reference price.

"Gulf states (Saudi Arabia and Kuwait) think they have sacrificed enough by sticking to their quotas ... they pushed up output when prices did not recover in the first half of this year," said one analyst.

He said Gulf states, sitting on large volumes of reserves and with low production costs, could survive low prices longer than other oil producers with limited reserves. They felt they could wait if necessary until the demand for oil increased and they recovered some lost market share.

"The Gulf states have started to look like the seven sisters," said one oil industry analyst, drawing parallels with the seven international oil companies that controlled the world oil market in pre-OPEC days.

Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) led the way by acquiring a sales network and refineries in Europe in the early 1980s, securing outlets for its crude and product sales.

Deal

And Saudi Arabia has now struck an $800-million deal with US oil giant Texaco — one of the seven sisters — to refine and market oil products in 33 US states.

When the deal is concluded, probably in November according to Texaco chief James Kinnear, Saudi Arabia will supply 600,000 BPD of crude oil to the new company, in which it will have a 50 per cent share.

Abu Dhabi, the biggest producer in the United Arab Emirates, is also diverting its overseas investments to the oil sector.

Yesterday, the French Total oil company said Abu Dhabi's shares in the firm had reached nine per cent.

Abu Dhabi also has a 10 per cent stake in Spanish refining and petrochemical concern Cepsa and is negotiating to raise it to 15 per cent.

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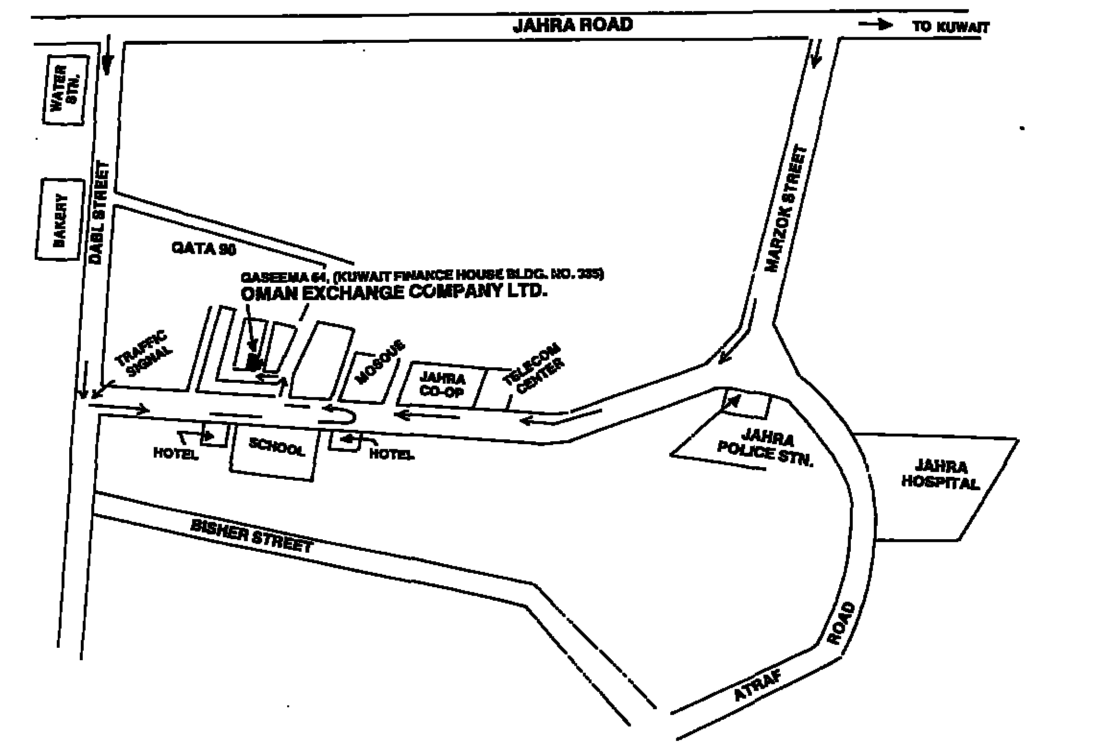

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LONDON (Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST.
ABBEY LFE	316/0
ADT LTD	136.0
ALD LYONS	459/0
AMSTRAD	216/0
ARGYLL GP	169/0
ASDA GP	143.0
BAA	265/0
BTR	295/0
BAT INDS	439.0
BARCLAYS	419.0
BASS	795/0
BEAZER	178/0
BEECHAMS	466/0
BERISFORD	05.59
BICC PLC	377.0
BLUE ARRW	90.0
BLUE CIRC	438.0
BOC GP	430/0
BOOTS CO	09.00
BPB INDS	257.0
BR COMM	222/0
BR AIRWAY	163.0
BR AEROSP	472.0
BR GAS RG	171.0
BR GAS RT	171/0
BR LAND	330.0
B.P.	244.0
B.P.PP	142.0
BR TELCOM	243.0
BURMAH OL	530/0
BURTON	210.5
CABLE&WIR	89.61
CADBURYS	383/0
COATS VIY	171.0
COMM UNI	340.0
CONS GOLD	320.0
COOKSONS	265/0
COURTAULD	284.0
DALGETY	317/0
DIXONS	144/0
ENG CHINA	498/0
ENTER OIL	680.0
FKI BABCK	124/0
FERRANTI	95.0
FISONS	252/0
GATEWAY	174.0
GEN ACCID	885/0
GEN ELEC	157/4
GLAXO	080.0
GRANADA	321/0
GLOBE	141.0
GLYNWED	287/0
GUARD RYL	183/0
GKN	322.0
GUINNESS	323.0
HMMERSN A	628/0
HANSON	146/4
HARRISN C	657/0
HWKER SID	517/0
HILLSDOWN	263/0
ICI	042/0

INI	01.79
INCHCAPE	10.79
JAGUAR	259/2
LADBROKE	450.0
LAND SECS	573/0
LAPORTE	384/0
LASMO	590/0
LEGAL+GEN	310/0
LONRHO	343.0
LUCAS IND	600/0
MAGNET	206/0
MARKS+SP	165.0
MAXWELL C	186.0
METAL BOX	259.0
MEPC	548/0
MIDLAND BK	422/0
NEXT	172.0
NTH FOODS	282/0
P & O DFD	582.0
PEARL	478.0
PEARSON	753/4
PILKINGTON	211.0
PLESSEY	159/0
POLLY PEC	325/0
RACAL	304.0
RANK HVIS	377/0
RANK ORG	707/0
RCKITT+CO	888/0
REDLAND	418.0
REED	420/0
RYL BK SC	352/2
RMC GRP	486/0
REUTERS	506.0
RTZ CORP.	448/0
ROLLS ROY	135.0
ROTHMAN B	438.0
ROWNTREE	
ROYAL INS	387.0
SAATCHI	357/0
SAINSBURY	193/0
SCOT+NEW	338.0
SEARS	132/0
SEDGEWICK	227/0
SHELL	972.5
SIEBE	367/0
SLOUGH ES	306.0
STD.CHART	545.0
STC	280.0
STOREHSE	185/0
SUN ALLIA	007/0
TARMAC	235.0
TATE&LYLE	803.0
TYLR WOOD	589/0
TESCO	131/0
TSB	102.0
T + N	181/0
TRUSTHSE	271.0
ULTRAMAR	267/6
UNILEVER	457/0
UNIGATE	275.0
UTD BISC	286.0
UTD NWSPR	403.0
WELLCOME	501/0
WHTBRD IN	298/0
WILLIAMS	263.0
WILLIS FB	44.75
WIMPEY GE	247/0
WOOLWORTH	248.0

LONDON (Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	731/0	732/0
600 GROUP	110/0	110/0
A.AMER TS	356/0	355/0
A.B.ELECT	419/0	416/0
A.S.W.HLD	189/0	190/0
AAB KENT	72/0	72/0
AAH HLD	252/0	252/0
AARONSON	121/0	122/0
ADDISON	35/0	35/0
ADWEST	313/0	314/0
ALEX WRKW	154/0	155/0
ALEXON	346/0	346/0
ALLD COLL	121/4	122/0
ALLD IR B	240/0	242/0
ALLD LDN	119/0	119/0
ALLD PLNT	57/0	58/0
ALLIANCE	823/0	824/0
AMBER DAY	48/4	48/0
AMEC	375/0	375/0
AMER TST	129/4	129/4
AMERSHAM	573/0	574/0
AMI HLTHC	245/0	245/0
ANGLIA TV	176/0	177/0
ANSBACHER	84/0	85/0
APPLEYARD	458/0	458/0
APV PLC	121/0	122/0
ASHLEY.LA	107/0	106/0
ATTWOODS	294/0	294/0
AUST REED	373/0	373/0
AUTO SECS	246/0	246/0
AVDEL PLC	68/4	68/0
AVIS EUR	341/0	340/0
AVON RUBB	705/0	705/0
B.WEJMILL	181/0	181/0
BAILL JAP	459/0	460/0
BAILL SHI	80/0	81/0
BAIRD (W)	226/0	226/0
BANK IRE	236/0	237/0
BANKER IT	73/4	75/0
BARKER DO	137/4	137/0
BARRT DEV	180/0	181/0
BAYNES C.	28/0	28/0
BBA GROUP	163/0	164/0
BEAR B.WT	4/4	5/0
BEAR BRND	9/4	10/0
BEATTIE J	150/0	151/0
BEJAM GP	158/0	157/0
BELHAVEN	55/0	56/0
BELLWAY	230/0	230/0
BEMROSE	210/0	210/0
BENLOX HD	49/0	50/0
BERKELEY	283/0	280/0
BHAM MINT	418/0	418/0
BHH GROUP	105/0	106/0
BK OF SCO	344/0	345/0
BLCK LE 2	13/6	14/0
BNNETT +F	35/0	36/0
BOASE MAS	235/0	235/0
BODDINGTN	147/0	148/0
BODY SHOP	588/0	590/0
BOOT HENR	382/0	381/0
BORTHWICK	54/0	54/0
BR ARROW	103/0	103/0
BR ASSETS	66/4	66/4
BR DREDGI	133/0	134/0
BR VITA	225/0	225/0
BRENT CHE	127/0	127/0
BRENT WKR	347/0	347/0
BRIDON	159/0	159/0
BRITAIN SE	172/0	172/0
BRITANNIC	365/0	367/0
BRIXTON E	323/0	324/0
BRYANT GP	131/0	132/0
BSG INTL	62/0	62/0
BSR INTL	68/0	68/0
BULLOUGH	465/0	463/0
BULMER HP	172/0	172/0
CALENDONIA	359/0	360/0
CALOR GRP	371/0	370/0
CAMB ELEC	231/0	231/0
CANFORD E	201/0	202/0
CANNING W	211/0	211/0
CANNON ST	263/0	263/0
CAP.RADIO	366/4	368/0
CARADON	315/0	314/0
CARLCO EN	145/0	142/0
CARLTON C	605/0	605/0
CATER ALL	325/0	320/0
CATTLE HD	65/0	66/0
CAULDON	10/4	10/4
CENTL ITV	515/0	518/0
CHAM PHRR	144/0	144/0
CHARTERHA	19/2	19/4
CHAS CHUR	102/0	102/0
CHLORIDE	51/4	51/0
CHRISTIES	541/0	548/0
CI GROUP	47/0	47/0
CNTRL SEC	50/4	50/0
CNTRY OIL	168/0	169/0
COATES BR	319/0	318/0
COLLINS A	448/0	445/0
COLLINS W	528/0	533/0
COLLOROLL	169/0	170/0
CONNELLS	253/0	253/0
COSTAIN	314/0	314/0
COURTS A	223/0	223/0
COURTS FR	305/0	315/0
CREST NIC	201/0	201/0
CRH	131/0	131/0
CRODA INT	188/0	188/0
CRYSTALAT	150/0	151/0
CTRY PROP	242/0	242/0
DARES EST	28/4	29/0
DAVIS GOD	157/0	156/0
DAVY CORP	147/0	148/0
DE LA RUE	482/0	485/0
DELTA GRP	274/0	275/0
DEVENISH	312/0	313/0
DIPLOMA	211/0	211/0
DOBSON PK	94/0	94/0
DOUGLAS R	286/0	286/0
DOWDING&M	57/0	57/0
DOWTY GRP	205/0	207/0
DRAYTON C	458/0	458/0
DRG	464/0	464/0
DUKENISTR	72/4	73/0
DUNDEE LD	287/0	288/0
DUNHILL	210/0	212/0
EAGLE TST	14/6	14/6
EDIN I.T	153/4	153/4
ELECTROCM	190/0	191/0
ELLIS EVA	163/0	163/0
EMAP	196/0	196/0
EMPIRE ST	242/0	242/0
ERA GROUP	77/0	76/0
EURO.HOME	301/0	303/0
EUROTHERM	385/0	385/0
EURTNL UT	326/0	325/0
EURTNL WT	19/0	19/0
EVODE GRP	175/0	175/0
EXPAMET	190/0	190/0
F&C ENTER	27/0	27/0
F&C EUROT	217/0	216/0
F&C PACIF	132/0	133/0
F&C SMLLR	70/0	71/0
FALCON	102/0	100/0
FARNELL E	148/0	145/0
FED.HOUSN	245/0	245/0
FENNER JH	154/0	155/0
FERGUSON	263/0	263/0
FINLAN GP	80/0	81/0
FINLAY J	111/0	110/0
FITCH LOV	285/0	286/0
FLMG AMER	120/0	120/0
FLMG F.E	178/0	180/0
FLMG INIV	136/0	136/0
FLMG JAPN	195/0	196/0
FLMG MERC	174/4	174/0
FLMG TECH	177/0	178/0
FOR &COL	107/2	108/0
GEEST	263/0	263/0
GEI INTL	116/0	116/0
GERRD&NAT	272/0	272/0
GESTETNER	201/0	202/0
GPG	50/0	50/0
GRANPN HD	277/0	276/0
GREEN KNG	464/0	465/0
GREENLL W	241/0	239/0
GREYCOAT	378/0	377/0
GRMP TV A	46/0	45/0
GT PRTLND	334/0	332/0
GUINSS MA	124/0	125/0
GUS ORD	680/0	700/0
GVTT ATLA	130/0	130/0
GVTT STRA	221/0	221/0
H'LND DIS	109/0	110/0
HALL (M)	129/0	129/0
HALMA	190/0	190/0
HAMBROS I	210/0	210/0
HAMMERSON	654/0	653/0
HAWTHN LE	45/4	45/4
HAZELWOOD	216/0	217/0
HEATH(CE)	403/0	404/0
HELENE PL	32/4	32/0
HELICAL B	299/0	300/0
HEPWORTH	226/0	226/0
HESTAIR	310/0	311/0
HEYWOOD W	270/0	271/0
HICKSN IN	222/0	223/0
HIGGS HIL	331/0	332/0
HMBRO CTY	79/0	79/0
HNBRD 20P	224/0	223/0
HNTR SPHR	178/0	178/0
HOLMES PR	103/0	103/0
HOWDEN GP	121/0	121/0
HPOKINSON	107/0	107/0
HTV GROUP	213/0	213/0
ICE.FZ.FD	347/0	346/0
IMRY M.DV	365/0	366/0
INDPNDT W	12/0	12/0
INT.BU.CM	119/0	120/0
INT.CITY	127/0	128/0
INVERGORD	298/0	298/0
JHNSN&FIR	40/4	40/4
JOS HLDGS	159/0	158/0
KALAMAZOO	48/0	48/0
KALON GRP	34/0	34/0
KELT ENGY	39/0	39/0
KETSON	79/0	79/0
KLWRT O'S	129/4	130/0
KWIK SAVE	341/0	340/0
KWIK-FIT	114/0	115/0
LAING 'A'	293/0	293/0
LAING ORD	293/0	293/0
LAING PRP	486/0	485/0
LAIRD GRP	235/0	235/0
LANDLEISU	349/0	350/0
LAWRNCE W	140/0	141/0
LDN & MET	160/0	159/0
LDN INTL	210/0	211/0
LDN SHOP	235/0	236/0
LDN UTD	127/0	128/0
LDN&EDIN	136/0	136/0
LEX SERVC	366/0	367/0
LIFE SCIE	52/0	52/0
LILLEY FJ	49/4	50/0
LIT	129/0	130/0
LLOYD THP	189/0	187/0
LOCAL LDN	523/0	523/0
LOGICA	348/0	348/0
LOW (WM)	623/0	626/0
LOW&BONNER	205/0	205/0
LOWNDES	76/4	78/0
M&G GROUP	348/0	347/0
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MANDERS	197/0	198/0
MARLEY	153/0	153/0
MARSHALLS	224/0	225/0
MATTHEWS	80/0	81/0
MAUNDERS	96/0	96/0
MCKECHNIE	319/0	320/0
MEMEC	216/0	215/0
MENZIES	285/0	285/0
MERCH. TST	147/4	148/0
MERLIN IN	103/0	103/0
METAL CLS	186/0	186/0
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MORGAN CR	241/0	242/0
MORGAN GF	270/0	272/0
MORLAND	643/0	648/0
MOUNTLEIG	137/0	137/0
MOWLEM J	379/0	379/0
MRRY INCM	176/0	176/0
MRRY INTL	178/0	178/0
MS INTL	113/0	113/0
N.ENG.IND	99/4	99/4
NAT.TELCM	140/0	140/0
NEWARTHIL	675/0	675/0
NORCROS	342/0	341/0
NORFOLK C	28/6	29/4
NORMANS	58/4	58/0
NORTHAMBR	389/0	391/0
NORTN OPX	136/0	137/0
NSM PLC	84/0	83/0
NURDN&PCO	165/0	165/0
O'SEAS IT	183/0	182/0
OCEAN TPT	235/0	235/0
OCEONICS	18/4	19/0
OSSORY EST	21/4	21/4
OWNERS AB	63/0	63/0
OXFORD INS	245/0	245/0
P & O WTS	55/0	53/0
P & P PLC	243/0	243/0
PACIFIC A	133/0	133/0
PAGE (M)	46/0	47/0
PENTLAND	102/0	103/0
PENTOS PLC	97/0	97/0
PERGAMON	90/0	88/0
PERSIMMON	162/0	162/0
PHOENIX	100/0	101/0
PICKWICK	230/0	230/0
PLEASURAM	213.5	215.0
PRESTWICH	143.0	140.0
PRIEST (B)	19/6	19/4
PRIEST MA	393/0	390/0
PROP&SECUR	182/0	181/0
PROUDFOOT	256/0	256/0
PROV FINL	310/0	312/0
RAINE IND	86/0	85/0
RATNERS	206/0	206/0
RECHAM EV	284/0	285/0
REDFEARN	459/0	459/0
REFUGE GP	479/0	482/0
REGALION	153/0	153/0
ROTORK	146/0	146/0
RUBEROID	260.0	257.0
RUGBY GRP	127/0	128/0
RUTLAND T	42/0	42/0
RYAN INTL	138/0	136/0
SAGA GRP	229/0	228/0
SALE TLNY	195/0	194/0
SALVESEN	168/0	168/0
SAVILLE G	48/0	48/0
SAVILLS	118/0	118/0
SAVOY "A"	790/0	800/0
SCHR.GLOB	224/0	225/0
SCOT HERI	186/0	187/0
SCOT I.T.	126/4	127/0
SCOT MET	132/0	132/0
SCOT MORT	100/0	100/0
SCOT.AM.I	91/0	91/0
SCT NAT C	24/0	24/0
SCT NAT I	90/4	91/0
SCT NAT W	5/0	5/0
SECS TST	100/0	100/0
SENA GRP	303/0	305/0
SHERATON $	75/0	75/0
SIMON ENG	271/0	272/0
SINGER&FR	73/0	74/0
SMITH D	314/0	313/0
SOUND DIF	29/0	29/0
SPRNG RAM	181/0	181/0
SPRX-SARC	190/0	189/0
ST.ANDREW	180/0	181/0
STAKIS	98/0	99/0
STEETLEY	322/0	322/0
STHEND PR	146/0	146/0
STORMGUAR	14/0	14/0
STURGE HD	232/0	230/0
SUTER	180/0	180/0
T.TEES TV	294/0	
TELEMETRX	49/0	50/0
TELERENTS	211/0	210/0
TEMPLE BA	204/0	204/0
THAMES TV	363/0	365/0
THERMAL S	213/0	
THOMSON T	79/0	78/0
THORNTONS	128/0	128/0
THROGMTN	390/0	390/0
TI GROUP	349/0	349/0
TIE RACK	85/0	85/0
TIME PROD	221/0	221/0
TOMKINS F	226/0	226/0
TOOTAL	98/0	98/4
TOZER K&M	91/0	91/0
TR CITY	73/0	73/0
TR INDUST	128.0	128.0
TR PACFIC	57/0	58/0
TR PROPTY	50/4	50/4
TR TRSTEE	129/0	129/0
TRAVIS&AR	498.0	498.0
TRIMOCO	42/0	42/0
TRIPLEX	185/0	184/0
TRITON ER	165/0	165/0
TRSPRT DV	221/0	222/0
TURRIFF	306/0	
TV SW HLD	62/0	63/0
TVS ENTER	295/0	296/0
TYNDALL	127/0	
U-BORLAND	105/0	103/0
U-BRD ST	35/4	35/0
U-BROADWL	184/0	183/0
U-CIFER	7/6	8/0
U-CITYVSN	86/0	86/0
U-DEWEY W	121/0	120/0
U-DURHAM	60/0	60/0
U-ELDRGE	505/0	505/0
U-EXPLAUR	45/0	45/0
U-FIELDS	61/0	61/0
U-FLOYD E	21/4	21/0
U-FRD SEL	95/0	94/0
U-H'ND PT	229/0	231/0
U-HUGH.HT	115/0	115/0
U-PAVION	5/4	5/4
U-RNDSWTH	179/0	179/0
U-SAC INT	100/0	102/0
U-SELECTV	15/4	15/0
U-STH BUS	335/0	335/0
U-STNHOPE	233/0	233/0
U-T.V.AM	145/0	146/0
U-TRMWD W	5,00	5,00
U-TRNWOOD	19/0	19/4
U-TSB C I	149/0	
U-TUBULAR	33/4	
U-UTC GRP	195/0	195/0
U-WAYNE K	105/0	
U-WMS LEI	55/0	55/0
U-WYKO GP	73/0	73/0
U.E.I.	388/0	
UK PAPER	171/0	172/0
ULSTER TV	79/0	
UNDERWOOD	78/0	77/0
UNION DIS	495/0	498/0
UNITECH	208/0	208/0
UTD.INDUS	50/0	50/0
UTD.SCIEN	188/0	188/0
VALUE&INC	54/0	55/0
VAUX GPR	678/0	677/0
VERSON	24/0	24/0
VG INSTMT	319/0	318/0
VICKERS	173/0	174/0
VIRGIN GP	124/0	124/0
VPI GROUP	271/0	271/0
WAGON HDG	313/0	312/0
WARD HLDS	119/0	118/0
WARDLE ST	631/0	632/0
WATERFD O	101/0	101/0
WATERFD U	101/0	101/0
WATES CTY	165/0	165/0
WATTS B&B	306/0	307/0
WCRS GRP	201/0	200/0
WELLMAN	42/4	42/0
WEMBLEY	117/0	117/0
WESTBURY	212/0	213/0
WESTLAND	103/0	103/0
WHEWAY	86/0	86/0
WIDNEY	34/0	35/0
WLKER GRN	111/0	111/0
WLSON BOW	246/0	246/0
WLSON CON	159/0	158/0
WOLSELEY	233/0	235/0
WOLV&DUD	406/0	408/0
WPP GRP	581/0	582/0
WST MOTOR	553/0	552/0
YALE&VALO	408/0	408/0
YORK CHEM	240/0	240/0
YORKSHR TV	198/0	200/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2		PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1476.5	1477.6	1466.4	1483.2	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	1030.5	1030.5	1020.8	1052.0	957.6
FT ALL SHR	946.27	946.56	37.79	963.01	870.22
FT GOV SEC	87.92	88.31	87.80	87.92	88.49
FT GOLD MN	171.6	172.4	170.8	207.2	302.1
FT MINES F	596.93	596.48	586.58	517.46	450.65
FT OIL	1765.2	1775.2	1737.6	1834.0	16636
FT WLD DLR	0	125.62	124.17	126.05	115.04
FT WLD STG	0	110.62	109.67	109.51	90.79
FT WLD LOC	0	116.01	114.72	115.44	99.08

London Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES MIXED IN LATE AFTERNOON BUSINESS

LONDON, SEPT 30, REUTER - SHARES WERE MIXED IN LATE AFTERNOON BUSINESS, HAVING HELD WITHIN A NARROW TRADING RANGE THROUGHOUT THE SESSION, DEALERS SAID.

ISOLATED SPECULATIVE POSITIONS CONTINUED TO PROVIDE INTEREST IN A MARKET EXPERIENCING PROFIT-TAKING AFTER A SERIES OF GAINS SINCE THE START OF THE WEEK. ADJUSTMENTS AT THE END OF THE TRADING ACCOUNT ALSO LED TO PROFIT-TAKING, DEALERS SAID.

LASMO STOOD OUT WITH A 47P RISE TO 593 ON TALK IT WOULD RECEIVE A BOOST FROM THE AUCTION OF ITS 25 PCT ENTERPRISE OIL STAKE AND STILL REMAIN A BID TARGET. THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS DOWN 1.2 POINTS TO 1,827.8 AT 1445 GMT.

ANALYSTS SAID LASMO MIGHT RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE STG PER SHARE IN EXCESS OF THE CURRENT 686P PRICE FOR ENTERPRISE FROM THE AUCTION OF ITS SHARES. ENTERPRISE WAS UP 25P TODAY.

THE MARKET DOES NOT EXPECT TO HEAR THE DETAILS OF LASMO'S ENTERPRISE STAKE AUCTION UNTIL NEXT WEEK BUT THIS HAS NOT STOPPED PARTICIPANTS FROM SPECULATING ABOUT RTZ'S NEAR 30 PCT STAKE IN LASMO SINCE THE RECENT DAWN RAID BY BRITISH GAS.

BRITISH GAS AND ATLANTIC RICHFIELD OF THE U.S. HAVE BEEN MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE BIDDERS FOR ENTERPRISE, BUT THE BRITISH GAS RAID HAS RAISED SPECULATION THAT LASMO MIGHT PROVE VULNERABLE TO A BID FROM ANOTHER QUARTER, DEALERS SAID.

London Gold

LONDON, SEPT 30, REUTER - THE DEFLATIONARY IMPLICATIONS OF WEAKER OIL PRICES PUT PRESSURE ON THE GOLD PRICE DURING THE AFTERNOON AND IT CLOSED AT 394.10/394.60 DLRS AN OUNCE IN LONDON COMPARED TO THURSDAY'S 397.50/398.00 DLRS FINISH, DEALERS SAID.

OIL PRICES DROPPED TO THEIR LOWEST LEVEL FOR 25 MONTHS ON FEARS THAT SAUDI ARABIA WAS PREPARED TO FLOOD AN ALREADY OVERSUPPLIED OIL MARKET.

THE WEAKNESS IN OIL WAS ONE OF THE FACTORS BEHIND GOLD'S FALL TO NEAR TWO YEAR LOWS ON MONDAY, BUT SINCE THEN THE MARKET HAD SHOWN A PARTIAL RECOVERY AND TRADING INTEREST TODAY WAS MAINLY CONTAINED TO END-OF-MONTH BOOKSQUARING, THEY ADDED.

London Money Market

LONDON, SEPT 30, REUTER - MONEY RATES WERE MOSTLY 1/16 POINT FIRMER IN VOLATILE LATE TRADING BUT WERE OFF THEIR EARLIER HIGHS AS THE USUAL END-OF-QUARTER DEMAND FOR FUNDS PETERED OUT.

RATES HAD BEEN PUSHED HIGHER EARLY ON AS A NUMBER OF JAPANESE BANKS AND INSTITUTIONS ROLLED OVER LOANS BUT DEALERS SAID ACTIVE LENDING AT THE SIX MONTH PERIOD BY ONE BRITISH CLEARING BANK IN PARTICULAR HELPED KEEP LONGER DATES DOWN.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND IN ITS AFTERNOON MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS TOOK THE UNUSUAL STEP OF INVITING DISCOUNT HOUSES TO BORROW AT A FIXED 12 PCT. DISCOUNT HOUSE SOURCES SAID THIS WAS TAKEN AS A MESSAGE TO THE MARKET THAT 12 PCT BASE RATES WERE HERE TO STAY.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	
DLR ----------	1.6850/55	1.8790/00	6.3945/60	OPEN
STG 1.6850/60	----------	3.1670/1705	10.7740/7870	NOON
DMK 1.8758/8838	3.161/175	----------	29.31/47	NOON
FFR 6.3895/4015	10.77/788	340.02/66	----------	FIX
SFR 1.5898/5908	2.6775-6808	84.55/65	24.85/88	1300
HFL 2.1180	3.5710	112.73	33.135	FIX
ECU 1.0422	.654935	2.07549	7.06480	CLSE
SDR 1.29051	0.766245	2.42784	8.26507	CLSE
YEN 134.60/70	226.80/227.11	----------	----------	NOON
SDR RATES	29/09/1988	OTHERS	30/09/1988	

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2		PREV-QR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	305.8	306.6	306.7	306.2	259.3
AUSTRIA	227.4	227.8	228.2	208.9	215.4
BELGIUM	410.2	409.9	412.2	388.2	260.2
CANADA	356.4	354.3	353.6	375.1	350.7
DENMARK	462.8	458.5	460.0	436.4	336.6
FRANCE	396.4	391.8	390.3	370.5	288.5
GERMANY	194.5	193.4	195.2	176.9	156.6
HONG KONG	1808.8	1816.9	1817.1	1945.9	1644.3
FINLAND	112.4	113.1	113.4	123.5	108.1
ITALY	436.7	432.7	426.4	402.3	377.4
JAPAN	1276.1	1274.7	1247.2	1269.9	1022.3
NETHERLNDS	259.1	256.7	255.9	253.4	215.9
NEW ZEAL	93.2	93.4	93.2	96.1	98.9
NORWAY	475.7	475.9	474.5	498.9	392.4
SPORE	585.3	585.8	581.1	633.7	473.1
SPAIN	247.4	245.2	244.1	268.6	209.5
SWEDEN	957.4	953.7	955.3	917.0	856.8
SWITZ	163.0	162.1	163.1	157.4	140.7
U.K.	551.8	546.6	539.5	556.5	515.7
U.S.A.	251.2	248.1	248.0	251.9	229.4
WORLD	444.6	441.8	439.1	446.8	408.0
E.A.F.E.	826.5	824.0	817.5	829.3	757.5

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NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH COM	33/0	33/0
ATLANTIC R	77/5	77/4
AAR CORP	25/7	25/7
ABBOTT LAB	48/4	48/6
ACME CLVLD	9/0	9/0
ADV MICRO	0	10/6
AEROFL LAB	0	7/0
AETNA LIFE	51/4	51/3.
AHMANSON	17/0	16/7.
AIR PR-CHM	42/1	41/7
ALASKA AIR	21/0	20/7
ALBERTSONS	37/0	36/7
ALBMA 8-16	0	82/2
ALCAN ALUM	29/4	29/3
ALCO STAND	25/2	25/4
AM CYNAMID	48/0	47/6
AM ELET PW	27/5	27/5
AM HOM PRO	78/6	78/4
AM HOM PRO	79/5	79/7
AM STNDARD	0	77/6
AM STORES	57/3	57/3
AM TEL-TEL	26/2	26/2
AMOCO CORP	74/4	74/2
AMP INC	42/3	42/0
AMPCO PITT	13/0	13/0
AMR CORP	47/5	47/5
AMR GEN CO	34/2	34/1
AMERADA HE	27/1	27/0
ANTHEM ELE	11/1	11/1
APACHE CP	7/0	7/0
APACHE PET	2/3	2/3
ARMSTRONG	34/1	33/7
ASHLND OIL	33/1	33/1
ASIA PACIF	6/1	6/1
ATLS CORP	40/0	40/0
AVERY INT	23/0	22/7
AVNET INC	20/2	20/3
AVON PRODS	24/6	24/6
BCE INC	30/0	30/1
BELLSOUTH	41/0	41/1
BELO CP A	27/7	27/7
BETH STEEL	20/3	20/3
BEVERLY	5/7	5/6
BNK BOSTON	26/3	26/3
BNK BSTN-A	0	43/6
BNK N-YORK	35/0	35/0
BNK TR-NY	39/4	39/5
BNKAMERICA	16/3	16/3
BNKAM SPEC	7/0	6/7
BOEING CO	63/6	63/5
BOISE CASC	44/4	44/4
BND IN GLD	8/1	8/2
BORDEN	54/4	54/6
BOWATER	29/2	29/5
BR TELECOM	0	40/7
BRIGGS-STR	29/6	29/5
BRIST-MYER	44/3	44/3
BRUNSWICK	19/7	19/6
BURNDY CP	16/3	16/1
C 3 INC	13/1	13/0
CABOT CORP	39/5	39/5
CAESARS WO	25/6	25/4
CA FREIGHT	25/7	26/0
CAS NAT GS	0	15/1
CAST-COOKE	27/0	26/7
CATERPI TR	57/1	57/2
CBI IND	27/5	27/3
CBS	172/7	173/0
CENTEL CP	44/4	44/2
CHAMP INTL	33/1	33/0
CHAMP SPA	13/1	13/1
CHARTER CO	4/1	4/1
CHASE MAN	30/2	30/4
CHEMED CP	35/1	35/2
CHEMIC BNK	31/4	31/4
CHEVRON	44/0	43/7
CHRYSLER	23/7	23/6
CHUBB CORP	58/3	58/1
CHUR FR CH	6/4	6/7
CIGNA CORP	54/1	54/3
CIN MILACR	21/3	21/4
CIR CIT ST	39/7	39/6
CIRCLE K	13/7	13/7
CITICORP	26/2	26/1
CLARK EQUI	28/5	28/3
CLOROX	32/4	32/4
CMPBLL RES	,15	,15
CMPBLL SP	29/6	29/7
CAN PAC	18/0	18/0
COACIMEN	11/2	11/3
COASTAL	32/5	32/4
COCA-COLA	44/0	44/3
COLECO	1/5	1/4
COLEMAN CO	39/0	38/7
COLG-PALMN	44/6	45/0
COLUM GAS	33/7	33/7
COLUMBUS-C	0	114/2
COM EDISON	30/7	30/7
CONAGRA	31/0	31/0
CON EDISON	44/6	44/4
CONTINENTA	38/3	38/3
CONTL ILLN	*02	*02
CONTEL CP	37/6	37/6
CONTR DATA	23/2	23/3
COOPER T-R	23/5	23/6
COOPER COM	8/3	8/2
CORNING GL	61/1	60/7
CRANE	31/7	31/7
CRAY RES	69/5	69/1
CULLINET	6/0	6/1
DANIEL IND	0	8/7
DATA GEN	18/6	18/5
DATAPOINT	5/1	5/1
DAYTON HUD	41/0	40/6
DEC	96/0	96/3
DEERE-CO	44/3	44/3
DELTA AIR	49/7	49/7
DIAMOND SH	13/4	13/3
DIEBOLD	36/6	36/4
DISNEY W	64/2	64/1
DOVER CORP	31/4	31/2
DOW CHEMIC	87/5	87/6
DOW JONES	33/0	33/0
DRESSER IN	28/4	28/6
DREYFUS	26/1	26/2
DUKE POWER	45/5	45/5
DUN BRAD	52/3	52/5
DUPONT	81/4	81/6
DUQUESNE	15/4	15/4
DYNAMICS	0	23/5
E SYSTEMS	30/2	30/4
EAGLE PICH	28/4	28/5
EASTERN G-	23/4	23/6
EMERSON EL	29/7	29/7
EMERSON RA	3/3	3/3
ETHYL CP	21/5	21/4
EXXON	45/0	45/2
FAM DOL ST	15/4	15/4
FED NAT MO	47/7	47/7
FIELDCREST	22/7	22/7
FIN COR-AM	0	,13
FLEETWOOD	23/0	23/1
FMC CORP	34/2	34/2
FORD MOTOR	51/2	51/4
FORT HOWAR	52/3	52/3
FOXBORO CO	28/1	28/3
FRCHLD IND	14/5	14/5
FST BANK	21/3	21/3
FST BOSTON	48/2	48/3
FST CHICAG	33/6	33/7
FST INTERS	49/6	49/6
GAF CORP	49/2	49/0
GANNET CO	33/4	33/3
GALVESTON	1/3	1/4
GATX CORP	45/7	45/7
GCA CP	0	5/2
GEN DATA	3/5	3/4
GEN DYNMCS	50/2	50/0
GEN ELECT	43/6	43/6
GEN HOST	9/7	10/0
GEN HOUSWR	0	7/5
GEN INSTR	26/7	26/4
GEN MILLS	51/0	50/7
GEN MOTORS	74/3	74/3
GEN SIGNAL	45/2	45/6
GENCORP	20/0	20/0
GENETECH	17/7	17/6
GENUINE PA	36/7	36/7
GEO PW7-80	0	74/1
GEORGI-PAC	36/0	35/7
GIBR FI CL	2/5	2/6
GLOBAL MAR	,10	,10
GOLDEN NUG	13/1	13/0
GOODRICH	55/2	55/2
GOODYEAR	57/6	57/3
GOULD INC	23/1	22/7
GRACE WR	25/3	25/3
GRAINGER	56/6	56/5
GREYHOUND	34/1	33/7
GRUMMAN	21/6	21/5
GULF RES-C	13/4	13/4
GULF-WESTN	39/1	39/0
HALLIBURTN	25/6	25/6
HALLWOOD	15/5	15/6
HANNA MIN	29/3	29/2
HARRIS CP	27/0	26/6
HARTMARX	26/5	26/7
HEINZ HJ	44/4	44/4
HEL CURTIS	38/5	38/4
HELM-PAYNE	21/3	21/3
HERCULES	45/7	45/7
HEWL-PACK	50/0	50/2
HEXCEL CP	39/2	39/7
HILLENBRND	30/0	30/0
HILLENBRND	35/3	35/5
HILTN HTLS	47/6	47/6
HITACHI	125/2	127/0
HMSTKE MIN	14/3	14/3
HNDY-HARMN	16/1	16/1
HOLIDAY C	26/1	26/0
HOME DEPOT	26/5	26/5
HOME FED S	24/7	24/7
HONDA MOTR	161/2	161/4
HONEYWELL	63/2	63/5
HOUGHTN MI	38/7	38/6
HOUSTON IN	29/4	29/4
HUGHES SUP	16/6	16/6
HUMANA INC	24/6	24/4
IBM	115/3	115/2
IC INDUST	36/4	36/4
ICN PHARMA	7/0	6/7
ILL PWR CO	20/1	20/1
INCO LTD	27/6	27/6
INDIA GROW	8/4	8/4
JEFF PILOT	35/4	35/5
JER PW 8-5	0	80/5
JOHNSN CON	34/0	33/7
JOHNSN-JNS	85/4	85/7
K MART CP	38/5	38/5
KAISER ALM	18/7	18/7
KAN CI P-L	30/0	30/0
KAN CI P-L	28/2	28/2
KELLOGG	62/1	62/3
KERR MCGEE	37/0	37/2
KEYSTONE	19/7	19/7
KIMB-CLARK	57/4	57/4
KLM R D AI	17/3	17/2
KN RID NWS	42/0	42/2
KROGER CP	55/5	55/4
LEA RONAL	0	16/2
LEHMAN	12/4	12/3
LENNAR	19/1	19/2
LINCOLN NA	52/1	52/0
LITTON IND	73/6	73/6
LOCKHEED	40/6	40/5
LOCTITE CP	29/4	29/3
LOEWS CORP	79/2	79/1
LON-NETTLE	18/6	18/6
LONE STAR	32/0	32/0
LOWES	21/1	21/0
LTD INC	23/2	23/3
LTV CORP	2/5	2/5
LTV 1-25	3/2	3/1
LTV 3-068	4/3	4/1
LTV 5-25	0	12/6
LUBRIZOL	34/6	34/7
LUBYS CAFS	24/2	24/4
MALAYSIA F	6/5	6/7
MGMT ASS	1/2	1/2
M MARIETTA	42/1	42/1
MA COM INC	10/0	10/0
MACMILLAN	89/1	88/7
MANOR CARE	11/6	11/7
MANU HANOV	28/6	28/5
MARRIOTT	31/1	31/2
MASCO CORP	26/1	26/2
MATSU ELEC	186/0	185/5
MATTEL INC	9/6	9/5
MCA INCORP	44/0	44/1
MCDONALDS	47/7	47/7
MCDONNELL	69/0	69/0
MCGRAW-HIL	69/5	69/7
MEAD	43/7	43/6
MERCK - CO	58/4	58/5
MEREDITH	30/6	30/5
MERRILL LY	26/6	26/6
MESA OFFSH	1/5	1/5
MOBIL OIL	42/6	43/0
MONSANTO	78/1	78/0
MONTANA PO	36/2	36/0
MORGAN JP	37/4	37/2
MORT THIO	40/1	40/3
MOTOROLA	43/6	43/6
MRSH-MCLEN	56/4	56/4
MURPHY OIL	29/6	29/6
NAT INTERG	16/5	16/4
NBI CORP	2/4	2/3
NCR CORP	58/6	58/5
NEW ENG EL	23/6	23/5
NEW PLA RE	0	14/7
NEWELL CO	23/0	23/0
NEWMONT MI	35/5	36/0
NEWMNT GLD	33/7	33/6
NI MOH6-10	0	60/0
NI MOH7-72	0	76/6
NICOLET IN	11/4	11/6
NICOR INC	30/6	30/6
NL INDS	6/0	6/0
NOBLE AFF	12/7	12/6
NORD RESOU	9/3	9/3
NORTHROP	30/7	30/7
NORTON	48/5	48/3
NOVO IND	39/0	38/7
NUCOR CORP	42/2	42/0
OAK INDS	1/0	1/1
OCC PETRCP	25/6	25/6
OCEAN DRIL	14/5	14/3
OGDEN CORP	30/0	29/6
OH ED CO	18/6	18/5
OHIO MATT	12/5	12/6
OLIN CORP	46/2	46/1
OMNICARE	8/0	8/0
ORION PICT	15/1	15/2
PAINE WEB	17/4	17/4
PAN AM	2/5	2/5
PANHANDLE	24/0	24/2
PARK ELECT	17/3	17/2
PARKER DRI	4/3	4/2
PARKER HAN	28/3	28/4
PATRCK PET	4/4	4/5
PAYLSS CSH	26/7	26/7
PC IND8-96	0	89/0
PENN CENTR	23/2	23/2
PENNWALT	87/0	87/1
PENNZOIL	74/0	73/7
PEOPLES EN	18/7	18/6
PEPSICO	38/4	38/6
PFIZER	54/6	54/6
PHELPS DOD	41/6	41/3
PHILIP MOR	97/3	97/5
PHILIPS PE	19/2	19/3
PILLSBRUY	38/2	37/5
PINNACLE W	22/2	22/1
PITN-BOWES	43/5	43/4
PITTSON	15/1	15/0
POLAROID	40/0	40/2
PORTLND GE	20/5	20/6
PRIME COMP	15/0	15/0
PRIME INNS	34/2	34/0
PRIMERICA	29/1	29/1
PROCT-GAMB	79/4	79/5
PUGET SP-L	19/2	19/2
PULTE HOME	8/6	8/5
QUAKER OAT	54/1	54/1
QUAKER COR	18/6	18/6
QUANTUM CH	99/6	99/1
RALS PURIN	79/6	79/6
RAMADA INN	9/5	9/5
RANGER OIL	5/5	5/5
RAYCHEM	43/3	43/3
RAYMARK	3/6	3/6
RAYTHEON	71/0	70/3
REGAL INTL	*09	*10
REYNOLD ME	51/4	51/4
RJR NABISC	54/5	54/5
ROCHES G-E	17/6	17/6
ROCKAWAY C	9/7	10/0
ROCKWELL	21/7	21/6
ROHR INDS	32/4	32/4
ROLLINS EN	15/3	15/3
ROLLINS IN	17/4	17/3
RORER GRP	38/6	38/7
ROWAN COMP	6/0	6/1
ROYL DUTCH	106/4	106/6
RSS BERRIE	18/4	18/4
RYDER SYST	23/5	23/5
RYLAND GRP	16/3	16/2
S DIEG G-E	34/5	34/5
SALOMON	25/6	26/0
SARA LEE	43/4	43/2
SC ATLANTA	12/3	12/3
SCOTT PPR	37/1	37/1
SCOTTYS	12/4	12/4
SE BANK CO	0	23/4
SEAGRAM CO	55/7	55/5
SEAGULL EN	12/5	12/5
SEALED AIR	41/7	41/7
SEARS ROE	38/3	38/2
SERV CORP	19/2	19/2
SA STH PAC	19/6	20/0
SHRSN HUTT	21/6	21/5
SHELL TRAN	66/5	68/6
SHER PLOU	55/6	56/0
SMITH INT	8/5	8/5
SMITNK BEC	45/0	45/1
SNAP ON TL	34/6	34/2
SOURCE CAP	0	37/5
SOUTHERN	21/6	21/6
SPAIN FUND	9/7	9/6
SPERRY	11/3	11/2
SQUARE D	50/5	50/5
SQUIBB		
STONE CONT	35/0	34/6
SUN CO	57/1	57/3
SUNDSTRAND	50/2	50/2
SUNSH MIN	3/5	3/5
SUPER VAL	24/4	24/3
SOUTHWEST	17/1	17/2
SW GAS	21/6	21/5
SWN BELL	40/2	40/4
TANDY CORP	40/1	40/3
TDK	0	66/3
TECO ENERG	23/4	23/3
TEKTRONIX	21/6	21/7
TELEDYNE	332/2	332/4
TELEX CORP	0	49/0
TERADYNE	14/4	14/4
TESORO PET	12/0	12/0
TEX AMER B	*13	*12
TEX EAS TR	26/0	25/7
TEXACO	45/3	45/3
TEXAS IND	34/4	34/4
TEXAS INST	41/4	41/5
TEXTRON	25/6	25/6
THOMPS MED	21/6	21/5
TIDEWATER	6/5	6/5
TIGER INT	13/4	13/5
TIMKEN	32/1	32/1
TORCHMARK	31/7	31/6
TOSCO	3/0	3/0
TOYS R US	38/2	38/1
TRANSAMER	35/1	35/0
TRANSCO EN	32/7	32/7
TRANSCO EX	6/2	6/2
TRAVELLERS	35/1	34/7
TRINITY IN	31/3	31/3
TW CORP	24/2	24/2
TRANSWORLD	33/7	34/0
UAL CORP	95/2	94/6
UTD BRAND	17/2	17/0
UTD TECH	40/2	40/1
UNILEVER	54/4	54/6
UNION CAMP	33/4	33/3
UNION CARB	24/1	24/0
US SHOE	26/1	26/1
USX CP.	28/3	28/5
US WEST	58/3	58/2
U	38/4	38/6
VALERO EN	7/4	7/4
VALLEY IND	0	2/3
VARCO INTL	3/3	3/4
VARIAN ASS	0	27/2
W PNT PEPP	37/4	37/2
WAINOC OIL	6/5	6/5
WAL MART	32/2	32/2
WALGREEN	34/0	34/0
WARNER COM	36/6	37/1
WARNER LAM	75/4	75/6
WASTE MAN	41/3	41/3
WASH GAS L	25/6	25/6
WENDY INTL	7/0	7/0
WEST CO	13/0	12/7
WESTINGHSE	52/6	52/5
WILLIAMS C	33/5	32/6
WILLIAMS E	0	7/0
WINNEBAGO	8/5	9/0
WINN-DIXIE	45/0	44/7
WOOLWORTH	55/6	56/1
WORLDCORP	5/4	5/5
WRIGLEY	34/4	34/3
WYLE LABS	9/6	9/5
XEROX CORP	57/2	57/1
XTRA INC	33/4	33/6
ZAPATA	2/5	2/5
ZAYRE CORP	25/1	25/1
ZENITH EL	21/0	21/0
ZERO	16/0	15/7

The Banktijari Offshore Fund Limited

BID KD	OFFER* KD
10.480	10.909
	* Includes 4% front end fee.

Commercial Bank البنك التجاري

Wall Street Statistics "Composite"

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME			
BOSTON ED	15 7/8		UNCH
IMC FRTLZR	37 1/2	-- 1	
SCE CORP	33	-	1/8
GILLETTE	35 1/8	+ 1	
ROCH GAS	17 5/8	-	1/8
GEN MOTORS	74 7/8	+	3/8
ADV MICRO	9 3/8	- 1	3/8
U S G CORP	7 1/2		UNCH
NO ST PWR	32 5/8	+	1/4
KROGER	56 1/4	+	7/8

NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			
FORMICA CO	17 1/4	+ 4	
FISHBACH C	21 7/8	+ 1	3/4
SYMBL TECH	17 1/2	+ 1	
ADV MICRO	9 3/8	- 1	3/8
LVI GROUP	2 7/8	-	1/4
NYSE VOLUME	52,292,100		
STOCKS UP	560		
STOCKS DOWN	418		
29-SEP NASDAQ VOLUME	121,490,100		
STOCKS UP 1119	DOWN 822		

AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
AMDAHL CP	20 1/8	+	1/2
I.C.H. CP	6	-	1/8
TEXAS AIR	13 1/8	-	1/8
LORIMAR TE	12 7/8	+	1/4
TEXAS INTL	3/8		UNCH
ALZA CORP	22 3/8	+	1/2
FOREST LAB	23 1/8	+	1/4
D W G CORP	6 5/8		UNCH
MSI DATA	23 1/4		UNCH
INTL THORO	5/8	+	1/16

AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			
HOVNANIAN	7 7/8	+	5/8
BARRISTER	3 1/2	+	1/4
BIOTHERAP	3 5/8	+	1/4
BUSH IND	8 1/8	- 1	5/8
COLLINS IN	3 1/4	-	1/4
AMEX VOLUME	2,300,091		
STOCKS UP	136		
STOCKS DOWN	164		

Wall Street Market Report

New York, Sept 30, (Reuter) — Wall Street stocks showed little overall change as follow-up buying to yesterday's rally clashed with end-of-quarter position squaring and profit-taking, brokers said. Some said the market was being supported by a moderate rise in US bond prices.

The Dow 30 was moving narrowly around yesterday's close at 2119 and gainers edged ahead of decliners, five-to-four.

Rutherford Brown and Catherwood analyst Thom Brown said: "The Kremlin reshuffle was a removal of the old guard and may be positive if the USSR is seen moving toward a more moderate trade stance. It's certainly not negative for the market."

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

London — Telecom Australia is to issue a 150 mln Australian dlr Eurobond due on September 1, 1995 paying a coupon of 12 pct with an unusual option to convert into a domestic bond to improve liquidity, executive director of Corporate Finance and Control Garry Cameron said. (RTUV 1452)

Amsterdam — Swedish Export Credit (SEK) issued a 150 mln guilder, 0.5 pct bond with mark warrants, due October 27, 1993 at an issue price of 98.00, lead manager Algemene Bank Nederland NV said. ABN set a 1.8791 mark for one dollar strike price for the bond. (RTZL 1123, RTZX 1229)

London — Mortgage Securities Number One PLC is issuing a two tranche mortgage-backed floating rate note totalling 220 mln stg, lead manager J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd said. (RTVP 1522)

Zurich — Japan's Gastec Service Inc is issuing 60 mln Swiss francs in convertible notes with an indicated coupon of 1/2 pct and par pricing, lead manager Swiss Bank Corp said. (RTYY 0954)

Geneva — The 5-3/4 pct, five year bullet bond for the Coastal Corp of Houston has been raised to ... mln Swiss francs from 80 mln following strong demand, lead manager Banque Paribas (Suisse) SA. (RTYT 0928)

Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	12 11-3/4	11-15/16 13/16	11-15/16 13/16
FFT	3.75/4.25	5.00/10	4.95/5.05
PAR	7-13/16 7/8	7-5/8 3/4	7-13/16 15/16
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	2-7/8 3-1/8	3-1/2 3-3/4
BRX	4.90	7-1/8 3/16	7-5/16 3/8
ROM	10-1/8 10-5/8	N/A	11-1/8 11-5/8
AMS	5.56/69	5.43/53	5.58/68
TOK	4.2500 3125	4.4375 5000	4.2500 3125
ECU	7.37 7.62	7.43 7.56	7.62 7.75

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local inter-bank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait, yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-5/8	7-1/16
3 months	6-5/8	7-1/16
6 months	6-9/16	7
1 year	6-9/16	6-7/8

BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE								
				GLINDIA	71	72	74	MICO	635	630	640
				GNFC	52	50.50	52	MUKAND	98.50	102	103
	257	263	270	GRASIM	107.50	105.50	108	NOCIL	665	670	680
A PAINT	117.50	178.75	187	GSFC	159	160	164	ORKAY	34	37.50	37.50
AJ AUTO	307.50	321.25	325.50	HIND LEVER	73	75.50	78.50	PEICO	33	32	33.50
.RAYON	305	300	310	HINDALCO	103	104.50	110.50	PFIZER	63	63	67.50
.DYING	124	125.50	130.50	HINDCOCOA	100	107	107.50	PRE.AUTO	36.75	41.50	41.50
BOND	107	108	105	HINDMOTOR	27.50	26.50	27	RAYMOND	57	56	52
INDEX	646.82		646.82	IND ORG	34	36	37.50	RELIANCE	199	193	197
TURYSPG	1025	1030	1035	INDRAYON	74.50	64.50	77	SIEMENS	86	86	92
GATE	270	270	283.50	INDROL	230	237.50	241.25	SPIC	48	50	48
PAKFERT	43	45	47.50	ITC	52.50	52	53	STDMILLS	283	300	312
HOTEL	54	53	55	JKSYNTH	77.50	79	81	TATA PWR	240	240	240
AYEF	136.75	138.75	142.50	L AND T	123	125	126	TATACHEM	88.50	92	88.50
AR	20	21	22	MAHINDRA	84	85	86.50	TELCO	727.50	720	737.50
. POLY	82	85	88	MASTERSHR	11	11	11	TISCO	911.25	912.50	936.25
SHIP	31.25	32.25	32.50	MATHER PL	61	59	60	VOLTAS	395	410	405

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
G	197.2	202.1
LIANZ VR	1689.0	1681.0
DENWERK	176.2	179.0
SF	274.5	274.3
YER	304.0	304.5
YER HYP	362.0	358.0
YER VER	359.0	352.0
3C	315.0	314.3
HF	432.0	432.0
MW	511.0	506.5
MMERZBK	243.5	242.7
NTI GUMM	257.0	257.0
IMER BEN	706.0	702.0
UTSC BNK	520.5	514.5
W	378.0	375.0
ESDNER B	291.6	288.8
T BABCOCK	170.0	175.0
INDEX	517.44	515.12
LDMUEHLE	282.1	283.0
LDSCHMID	294.5	293.0
RPENER	417.0	421.0
ECHST AG	298.5	298.2
ESCH	158.0	158.0
RTEN	214.0	215.0
SSEL HLD	443.2	442.0
I SALZ	162.5	165.0
STADT	442.5	441.5
FHOF	390.0	390.0
ECK H	133.0	135.0
EC W	110.4	109.2
DE	691.0	696.5
THANSA	149.5	150.0
	208.0	208.0
NNESMAN	172.5	173.3
RCEDES	575.0	572.0
TALLGES	301.0	300.0
KDORF PF	423.5	432.0
RSK HYD	29.50	28.60
ILIP KOM	623.0	622.0
RSCHE	564.0	560.0
EUSSAG	182.0	183.5
	235.2	235.5
EINMETAL	303.0	301.0
	229.0	232.5
E P	212.5	213.5
AMANDER	273.0	275.0
IERING	535.0	537.5
.	282.0	281.0
MENS	472.7	469.0
SSEN	161.5	160.3
TA	292.0	288.0
A	265.2	265.5
	159.4	159.4
KSWAGEN	272.5	268.5

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AJJINOMOTO	2950	2850
AKAI ELEC	564	564
AOKI	940	975
ASAHI GLS	1920	1920
ASAHI OPT	623	621
BANK TOKYO	1540	1520
BRIDGESTON	1240	1220
CANON	1440	1420
CASIO COMP	1380	1410
CHUGAI PHM	1550	1500
CITIZEN W	864	859
D-ICHI KAN	2930	2890
DAI NIP IK	824	815
DAI NIP PT	2660	2660
DAI NIP SC	985	985
DAI NIP TO	622	602
DAICEL	818	816
DAIWA H	1970	1940
DAIWA SEC	2260	2210
EBRA MFG	918	920
EISAI	1980	1940
FUITSU	1730	1700
FUJI BANK	3110	3110
FUJI PHOTO	3360	3310
FUJISAWA	1750	1680
FUJITA CP	731	733
HITACHI	1670	1670
HONDA MOT	2170	2150
ISETAN	2090	2080
ITO YOKADO	3880	3880
JAP SYN RU	1070	1040
JAPAN AIR	13300	13200
JAPAN MET	607	611
KAJIMA	1570	1570
KANSAI EL	2960	2940
KAO SOAP	1700	1660
KAWASAKI H	704	690
KAWASAKI S	905	905
KIRIN BREW	1800	1770
KOMATSU	800	781
KUBATO LTD	840	835
KYOCERA	5110	5170
MAKITA EL	1550	1570
MARUI	2870	2860
MATSUTA EI	2480	2480
MATSUTA EL	0	2660
MEIJI SEIK	940	945

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
MITSUB CP	1130	1110
MITSUB EL	1020	995
MITSUB EST	2390	2390
MITSUB HVY	979	961
MITSUI CO	855	845
MITSUKOSHI	1860	1800
MITSUMI EL	990	990
NICHICON	1200	1160
NIHON CMNT	854	850
NIKKO SEC	1750	1650
NIP ELEC	1960	2000
NIP KKOKAN	815	805
NIP OIL	1200	1130
NIP STEEL	803	803
NIP YUSEN	790	781
NIS MOTOR	1260	1250
NOMURA SEC	3270	3260
OHBA CO.	880	855
OLYMPUS	1140	1140
PENTA OCN	859	860
PIONEER	3420	3430
RENOWN	889	890
RICOH	1190	1150
SANKYO	1980	1980
SANYO ELEC	715	705
SEIYU ST	2100	2000
SEKISUI PB	1700	1700
SHARP	1100	1080
SHISEIDO	1640	1620
SONY	6500	6520
SUMITOMO	1070	1030
TAISEI	1000	1010
TAISHO MRN	1110	1120
TAKEDA CH	2530	2520
TEIJIN	775	765
TKO NEW IX	151.36	133.46
TOKIO MRN	1900	1880
TOKYO ELEC	1060	1080
TOKYO GAS	1380	1380
TOKYO POWR	5820	5730
TORAY IND	845	840
TOSHIBA EL	1120	1110
TOTO	1940	1940
TOYO KKOGY	690	691
TOYOTA MOT	2610	2630
YAMAHA	1350	1320
YAMAITCHI	1780	1670
YAMANOUCHI	3980	3960
YAMAZAKI	1340	1340

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE UP, NEAR HIGH IN MODERATE TRADE

TOKYO, SEPT 30, REUTER - SHARE PRICES FINISHED THE DAY HIGHER, A LAST MINUTE SURGE BOOSTING THEM TO NEAR THE DAY'S PEAK, IN MODERATE TRADE AMID GENERAL INVESTOR CONFIDENCE, BROKERS SAID.

"NEW YORK WAS UP, WHICH IS ENCOURAGING, AND FEARS OF INFLATION, HIGHER INTEREST RATES AND THE DEPRECIATION OF THE YEN SEEM TO HAVE DISAPPEARED," SAID THE DIRECTOR OF EQUITIES AT SALOMON BROTHERS ASIA LTD.

"THE MARKET OUTLOOK IS QUITE BRIGHT," HE ADDED.

THE NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 223.54 POINTS, OR 0.81 PCT, TO 27,923.67. IT LOST 51.88 POINTS ON THURSDAY.

THE FIRST SECTION INDEX, OR THE TOKYO STOCK PRICE INDEX -- TOPIX -- ROSE 19.40 POINTS TO 2,151.36 FOLLOWING A 1.50-POINT LOSS ON THURSDAY.

RISING ISSUES TOOK A STRONG LEAD OVER DECLINERS BY ABOUT TWO TO ONE WITH 579 UP AND 285 DOWN IN MODERATE TURNOVER OF ONE BILLION SHARES, UNCHANGED FROM THURSDAY.

THIS INDICATES A WIDER, AND THEREFORE HEALTHIER, SPREAD OF BUYING, ALTHOUGH STEELS CONTINUE TO BE A STRONG FOCUS.

THE INDEX STARTED AT THE DAY'S LOW OF 27,721.56 AND ENDED JUST BELOW THE PEAK OF 27,926.58. IT ROSE OVER 100 POINTS IN THE LAST HOUR OF TRADE.

THE ADVANCES WERE LED BY SECURITIES HOUSE, OIL, RETAIL, BANK, PHARMACEUTICAL, AIRLINE, CREDIT/LEASE, PULP/PAPER, COMMUNICATIONS AND PRECISION INSTRUMENT SHARES.

THERE WERE NO DECLINING SECTORS.

THE BUYING WAS SPURRED BY A 34-POINT GAIN IN THE DOW JONES INDUSTRIALS AVERAGE OVERNIGHT. WALL STREET ROSE PARTLY ON EXPECTATIONS THAT U.S. INTEREST RATES WILL EASE.

THIS SPURRED SENTIMENT THAT RATES HERE WOULD FOLLOW THE SAME PATH, BROKERS SAID.

BUT THE FACT THAT NEW YORK VOLUME WAS RELATIVELY THIN DAMPENED SENTIMENT A BIT.

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
I TUNNEL	15.30	15.10
UNG K	7.15	7.15
NA GAS	16.20	15.83
INA L-P	15.50	15.50
INA MOTR	21.20	21.10
NO PROP	2.70	2.70
RGO IND	.46	.47
EAST C	.71	.70
ORIENT	0	44.00
DEVELP	8.40	8.40
INDEX	441.05	439.39
G LUNG	4.85	4.85
G SENG	27.00	27.10
PAR BR	9.70	9.70
ELEC CO	6.85	6.85
KOWLOON	7.60	7.60
WAND CO	7.95	7.95
HAN BK	5.95	5.95
SHAN HT	4.22	4.22
TELE CO	4.95	5.00
CH WHAM	8.05	8.05
EQ PAC	11.10	11.10
DINE M	13.10	13.00
LOON M	8.60	8.30
WORLD	10.80	10.60
L Y CON	2.45	2.55
LTY DEV	6.60	6.50
H K CO	1.79	1.82
H K PROP	10.50	10.50
NE DARBY	2.20	2.25
ELUX MFG	2.67	2.70
E PAC	17.10	17.10
B CO	13.40	13.24
CHEUNG	3.50	3.52
ON BANK	1.46	1.50
CK MARD	0	7.25
CK MARI	0	1.15
LD INTL	3.70	3.67

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, SEPT 30, REUTER - STOCKS GAVE UP EARLY GAINS TO CLOSE BARELY STEADY, WHILE SENTIMENT WAS SLIGHTLY BEARISH BECAUSE OF A GENERAL LACK OF MARKET INTEREST, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX FINISHED 1.66 HIGHER AT 2,441.05 AFTER GAINING NEARLY 20 POINTS AT ONE STAGE, WHILE THE BROADER-BASED HONG KONG INDEX WAS UP 0.75 AT 1,606.60. TURNOVER TOTALED 368.72 MLN H.K. DLRS FROM THURSDAY'S 302.03 MLN.

SHARE PRICES RALLIED INITIALLY FOLLOWING A SURGE ON WALL STREET, AND SOME WINDOW-DRESSING PURCHASES AHEAD OF THE THIRD-QUARTER-END BY LOCAL INSTITUTIONS WERE ALSO NOTED, BROKERS SAID.

AMMAN

As of 28.9.'88	OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.18	1.17
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.72	1.71
ARAB BANK	108.5	108.5
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	3.55	3.60
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.41	1.41
ARAB INSURANCE	0.87	0.87
ARAB INT.INV/TRAD.	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT.UNION INS	0.90	0.99
ARAB INTER.HOTELS	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVST/BK	2.10	2.10
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.28	0.28
ARAB PHARMA.MANF.	1.90	1.90
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.00	15.00
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	28.00	28.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.68	0.68
DAR ALDAWA DV/INV.	1.76	1.74
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.49	0.49
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.56	0.55
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	3.55	3.95
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.31	1.31
GENERAL MINNING.	1.36	1.35
HIMMEH MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.35	1.30
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.66	0.66
INDSTRL DEVLPT BNK	1.51	1.50
INDSTRL/COMM/AGR.	1.15	1.15
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN.CON/INV	0.17	0.17
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.86	0.86
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.27	1.27
J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.00	14.00
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.19	1.19
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.63	1.63
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.00	1.03
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.86	0.87
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.64	1.62
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20

JOR LEASING CORP.	0.59	0.58
JOR LIM BRICK	0.20	0.19
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.58	2.55
JOR PAPER CARDBRDG	3.25	3.19
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.55	2.55
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.28	1.26
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.15
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.05
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.74	0.75
JOR SECURIT CORP	0.74	0.75
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.61	2.63
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.16	1.16
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.60	4.60
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.67	7.68
JOR.FRENCH INS.	4.40	4.40
JOR.INV.FIN.CORP	2.06	2.05
JORADAN GULF REAL	0.29	0.29
JORDAN DAIRY	0.95	0.97
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.17	1.17
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	1.61	1.61
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.35	1.35
JORDAN TANNING	1.95	1.97
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.62	0.60
MACH/EQU/RENT/MAIN	0.76	0.75
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
MIDDEL EAST INS	60.00	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.55	0.61
NAT.FIN.INVEST CO	1.70	1.75
NAT/CABEL/WIRE/MF	1.00	1.00
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.25	1.24
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.39	0.38
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.67	0.67
NATIONAL STEEL	2.45	2.42
ORIENT DRY BATTARY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	1.90	2.00
PETRA JOR.INS.	0.35	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.87	0.87
RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	0.75	0.75
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.42	0.42
SHIPPING LINES	0.85	0.85
SPINING WEVING .	0.91	0.91
THE HOUSING BANK	1.90	1.90
UNITED INSURANCE	0.98	0.98
UNIVERSAL CHEM.IND	1.60	1.59
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.69	0.65
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.68	0.68
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.14	1.16

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN
AC-A	9.00	9.10	9.10
ANS	2.18	2.20	2.20
FER-A	2.08	2.10	2.08
GLO	31.00	31.50	
PLDT	208.00	209.00	208.00
KPSI-A	2.14	2.22	2.20
SMC-A	139.00	140.00	139.00
SMC-B	226.00	227.00	226.00
MINING SECTOR			
APX-A	.02	.021	.02
APX-B	.02	.022	.02
AT-A	17.25	17.50	17.25

BC-A		68.00	
LC-A	.40	.41	.40
LC-B	.40	.42	.42
PX-A	.28	.29	.28
PX-B	.30	.31	.30
OIL SECTOR			
BP-A	.012	.013	.012
BP-B	.013	.014	.013
LRC-A	.0024	.003	
LRC-B	.0024		
OPM-A	.026	.027	.025
OPM-B	.027	.028	.027
OV-A	.023	.024	.023
OV-B	.024	.025	.023

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION

SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES	
COMM-IND.	1,271,800	21,683,995	851.75	0.78	UP
MINING	24,868,700	3,513,600	3,894.28	1.42	UP
OIL	202,350,000	3,003,650	4.446	0.266	UP
TOTAL	228,490,500	28,201,245	693.82	11.83	UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN
SMC-A	138.00	139.00	139.00
SMC-B	227.00	228.00	227.00
SD-TIRE	34.50	35.00	
PLDT	208.00	209.00	208.00
ANSCOR-A	2.20		2.14
AC-A	9.00	9.10	9.00
GLO	30.00	31.50	31.50
FER-A	2.08	2.10	2.08
FER-B	2.22	2.24	
MINING SECTOR			
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN
APX-A	.02	.022	.02
APX-B	.021	.022	.021
AT-A	17.25	17.50	17.00
AT-B	20.25	20.50	20.25

BC-A		67.50	
BC-B			
LC-A	.40	.41	.41
LC-B	.40	.41	.41
ZIP	.009	.0095	.0095
OIL SECTOR			
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN
BP-A	.012	.013	.012
BP-B	.012	.013	.012
LRC-A	.0024	.0028	
LRC-B	.0024	.0034	
OPM-A	.026	.027	.025
OPM-B	.027	.028	.027
OV-A	.023	.024	.022
OV-B	.024	.025	.023
TA	.018	.019	.017

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION

SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	252,490	2,428,710	849.20	DN 5.06
MINING	77,472,000	2,706,030	3,755.25	DN 23.10
OILS	328,650,000	4,723,000	4.763	UP .188
TOTAL	406,374,490	9,857,740	699.98	UP 5.13

SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST	PR CL
AJINOMOTO		200
ALEXANDRA		185
AMAL IND		90
AMAL STEL	175	173
AMCOL	134	134
AVIMO	358	356
BSTEAD CO	138	131
C & C	241	239
CEREBOS	600	585
CHEM IND		260
CHUAN HUP	88	89
CI HLDGS		85
CS HLDGS		40
DAYAPI		53
DKH		505
DUTA CON	----	29
DUTCHBABY		440
ELEC MAGN	157	156
ESSO ORD	354	354
EU YAN S.	206	208
F & N RTS	366	360
F A C B		28.5
F E SHIP	215	215
F&N ORD	685	675
FEB CABLE	----	67
FED FLOUR		560
FIMA BHD		248
FUJITEC		656
G KENT		72

NAME	LAST	PR CL
G LUMBER	103	105
G TOWN		110
G U HLDGS	----	102
GANDA HDG	32	31.5
GEN CORP	65.5	66
GENTING	505	510
GOLD COCM		195
GSI	114	111
GUINNESS	290	290
GULA	----	28.5
H L IND.	161	161
HARIMAU		90
HAW PAR	314	314
HEXZA	72	72
HUME IND	169	169
HWA HONG	93	90
INT WOOD	----	76
INTRACO	258	254
ISETAN	730	725
J CEMENT	81	81
JACKS LTD		138
JOHAN HDG	43.5	43
K G HLDGS		125
K KELLAS		220
KAMUNTING		100
KAMUNTN A	73	72.5
KE SANG		120
KECK SENG	169	168
KENTUCKY	----	216
KEPPEL	275	273
KG FLOUR		205
KIAN JOO		122

NAME	LAST	PR CL
L. K. TAH	59	57.5
M FLOUR		310
M GLASS	201	200
M TIN PRT	57	57
M UTD IND	142	141
M UTD MFG	63	63.5
M'SHITA		605
M'WATA	59.5	59
MAGNUM	214	214
MALEX IND		380
MCB HLDGS	80	82
METAL BOX		402
METRO	790	775
MULPHAIND	27	28
MURATA		60
MURATA100		
MYCON BHD		180
NAMELASTPR CL		
MB TIMBER	87	88.5
ORIENTAL		252
QAF LIMIT	42	41
S BUS	338	338
S DARBY	306	304
S PRESS F	710	700
S SHIP	328	330
S'WANG M	185	183
SAMANDA		121
SANYO		110
SATERAS		56
SHELL ORD		500
SIA FORGN	1230	1230
SUPREME C	----	118

Singapore Stock Market Report

SINGAPORE STOCKS CLOSE MARGINALLY HIGHER

SINGAPORE, SEPT 30, REUTER - SHARE PRICES ENDED MARGINALLY HIGHER IN RELATIVELY QUIET TRADE, DEALERS SAID.

THEY SAID THE IMPROVED SENTIMENT WAS SPURRED BY AN OVERNIGHT RALLY ON WALL STREET AND A FIRMER TOKYO STOCK MARKET.

THE STRAITS TIMES INDUSTRIAL INDEX ROSE 4.27 POINTS TO 1,034.96 POINTS, AFTER ADDING 4.32 POINTS AT NOON.

ADVANCES OUTPACED DECLINES BY 99 TO 43. TURNOVER CLIMBED SLIGHTLY TO 15 MLN SHARES FROM THURSDAY'S 13.6 MLN.

DEALERS SAID MOST OF THE GAINS OCCURRED IN THE MORNING, WITH BOUTS OF PROFIT-TAKING IN THE AFTERNOON WELL-ABSORBED.

KUWAIT

As of 28.9.'88

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-NATIONAL BANK	1.060	1.070	1.080	1.070	1175000	57
-GULF BANK	0.430	0.435	0.435	0.430	1230000	32
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.320	0.325	0.325	0.320	1620000	49
-AHLI BANK	0.385	0.385	0.385	0.380	1160000	28
-B.K.M.E	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.390	20000	1
-K.R.E.B.	0.410	0.400	0.400	0.400	200000	7
-BURGAN BANK	0.315	0.320	0.320	0.315	630000	31
-K.F.HOUSE	0.540	0.540	0.540	0.530	745000	42
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KWT INV. CO.	0.154	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-K.I.I.C.	0.152	0.150	0.150	0.150	80000	3
-COM.FACILITIES	0.490	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-AHLIAH INV.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-I.F.A.	0.100	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-INV. PEARL KWT	0.104	0.104	0.106	0.104	400000	4
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-KWT INSURANCE	0.730	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-GULF INSURANCE	0.370	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-AHLIA INS. CO.	0.580	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-WARBA INS. CO.	0.460	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
REAL EST SECTOR						
-KWT R.EST. CO.	0.236	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-UNI R.EST. CO.	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.102	600000	11
-NAT R.EST. CO.	0.214	0.208	0.208	0.208	40000	2
-SALHIAH R.E.	0.080	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-KWT PROJECTS	0.090	0.090	0.091	0.090	520000	8
-KWT R.E.I.CON	0.000	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
-NAT IND. CO.	0.530	0.540	0.540	0.540	5000	1
-KWT M.P. IND.	0.300	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-KWT CEMENT CO.	0.255	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-REF. IND. CO.	0.415	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-M.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-GULF CABLE	1.090	1.090	1.090	1.090	150000	1
-K.PH.IND. CO.	0.206	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-CONT.MARINE	0.350	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-K.SH.REP.CO	0.044	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
SERVICES SECTOR						
-OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-K.N.C. CO.	0.190	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-KWT HOTELS CO.	0.170	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-P.WAREHOUSING	0.162	0.162	0.162	0.162	20000	1
-COM.MKT.CMPX.	0.018	0.018	0.018	0.018	240000	3
-MOBILE TELE.	0.375	0.375	0.380	0.375	1720000	32
-KWT COMPUTER	0.178	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
FOOD SECTOR						
-LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.230	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-UNTD FISHERIES	0.154	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-UNTD POULTRY	0.230	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-KWT FOODS	0.315	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-AGRI.FOOD PRD.	0.150	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
NON-KWT SECTOR						
-BHN.INTER.BK	0.068	0.067	0.067	0.067	120000	3
-BHN.M.EAST.BK	0.046	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-UNTD.GULF BK	0.000	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-COAST INVEST.	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.102	680000	14
-A.G.INV.CORP	0.035	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-FIRST.GULF BK	0.620	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-B.K.I.G.	0.080	0.071	0.072	0.071	120000	2

KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE

COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET

FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-PEARL INV.CO.	0.098	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-GULF INV.CO.	0.041	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-GULF INTL INS	0.009	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-ARAB INT CO.	0.055	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-SHARJAH INS	0.000	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
-GULF UNION INS	0.070	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
B-GULF MEDICAL	0.027	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
C-R.K.WHITE CMNT	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022	160000	1
D-AJMAN CEMENT	0.007	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
E-FUJAIRAH CEMT	0.008	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
G-GULF CEMENT	0.016	-----	-----	-----	--------	----
H-UMM QAIWAIN	0.020	-----	-----	-----	--------	----

ZURICH

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
BAER HDGS	12975	12975
BALOISE PS	2210	2240
BBC I A	2485	2470
BK LEU I	2900	2825
BK LEU N	2550	2550
BK LEU PS	412	410
CFV	1160	1180
CIB GEIG I	3390	3350
CIB GEIG N	1660	1650
CIB GEIG P	2285	2275
CKW	1250	1250
CRED SUI I	2675	2685
CRED SUI N	484	480
EG LAUFEN	1800	1800
ELEKTROWAT	2830	2840
EMS CHEM I	3740	3700
GLOBUS I	7200	7225
GLOBUS N	0	6400
GLOBUS PS	1180	1215
JACOBS S I	7750	7770
JACOBS S N	1350	1350
JACOBS S P	648	645
JELM I	2780	2775
JELM PS	380	385
LANDIS N	1350	1365
LANDIS PS	125.00	123.00
MERCK I	810	800

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
NESTLE I	8750	8720
NESTLE N	4240	4225
NESTLE PS	1290	1300
OE BUEHR I	1205	1215
OE BUEHR N	310.00	308.00
OE BUEHR P	290.00	295.00
ROCHE BABY	12800	12725
ROCHE I	2000	1000
RUECKVER I	12600	12400
RUECKVER N	6150	6125
RUECKVER P	1910	1925
RY TR BK	1190	1200
S BNKGSL I	3255	3245
S BNKGSL N	590	581
S BNKGSL P	114.50	115.00
S BNKVRN I	375	374
S BNKVRN N	284.00	283.00
S BNKVRN P	303	302
SANDOZ I	12350	12325
SANDOZ N	5675	5625
SANDOZ PS	1975	1970
SULZER N	4975	4950
SULZER PS	495	490
SVB	1680	1675
SWISSAIR	1160	1165
SWISSAIR N	1000	1000
W THUR I	5625	5675
W THUR N	2775	2750
W THUR PS	716	720
ZURICH I	5700	5730
ZURICH N	2660	2640
ZURICH PS	1940	1940

Dow Jones Plus Indices

	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,120.73	+ 1.42	2,122.87	2,115.58
TRANS	909.50	+ 0.90	910.69	907.56
UTILS	182.08		182.43	181.84
STOCKS	798.10	+ 0.53	798.82	796.51
NYSE COMP	154.02	+ .24		
S-P COMPOSITE	273.02	+ 0.43		
NYSE INDS	185.29	+ 0.28		
AMEX INDEX	300.81			
NASD COMP	386.56	+ 0.51		
NASD BANKING	456.78	+ 0.10		
NASD FIN'L	471.81	+ 0.70		
NASD INDS	387.04	+ 0.26		
S-P 100 INDEX	258.07	+ 0.25		

KD deposit rates firm

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates firmed in the fixed periods on Thursday as the dinar continued to fall against the dollar, encouraging banks to move into the US currency. But the short dates eased slightly as the Central Bank paid support funds to some commercial banks as part of its two-year-old bad debt settlement scheme, dealers said. The dinar, at a 20-month low against the dollar, has lost two fils in the past two weeks, prompting speculation that a devaluation was underway. The Central Bank set the dinar exchange rate on Thursday at 0.28888/98 to the dollar from Wednesday's 0.28845/55, while commercial banks quoted spot rates of around 0.28893/00. Overnight funds traded as high as 10-1/2 per cent early in the day before slipping to seven per cent bids. Tomorrow and spot-next dealt at 10 per cent before easing to 6-1/2 per cent for the spot-next and 8-1/2, 7-1/2 for tomorrow-next.

Rates

Fixed-period rates finished up to 1/2 point above Wednesday at 7-1/2, 1/4 per cent for the one-month, 7-1/8, 6-7/8 per cent for the two-and three-month and 7-1/8, 6-3/4 per cent for the six-month. Deals were reported at 7-1/4 and 7-1/8 per cent for the one-month, 6-7/8 and 6-3/4 per cent for the three-month and seven per cent for the six-month.

Currency rates

FOLLOWING are international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.28816	0.28970
Stg.	0.48526	0.48872
D'm	0.15295	0.15401
S. fr.	0.18061	0.18191
F fr	0.04489	0.04527
It lira	0.0002052	0.0005069
Jap yen	0.0021433	0.0021595
Bh. dinar	0.76425	0.76874
UAE dh.	0.07844	0.07889
S. riyal	0.07680	0.07762
Qat. riyal	0.07913	0.07962
Om. riyal	0.74818	0.75345

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Babangida urges development of indigenous technology

LAGOS, Sept 30, (OPECNA): Nigerian President Ibrahim Babangida has urged the Federation of West African Manufacturers' Associations to consider methods for achieving the development of indigenous technology best suited to the sub-region.

He told a meeting of the federation here that the manufacturers had the responsibility of stepping up regional co-operation in this field among member countries of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

Interaction

He stressed that interaction among the manufacturers was necessary to foster development, noting that since ECOWAS was formed 13 years ago "our inter-state experiences and contacts in commerce and manufacturing in the sub-region have not been much."

The president said this was in spite of efforts over the years to bring the activities and protocols of ECOWAS "into the winder and popular arena of international conferences."

One of the sub-region's main problems, he said, was that its production patterns and the general orientation of its industrial policies and programmes had created "a phenomenon of growth without development."

Bases

The president called on the manufacturers to endeavour to eliminate the monoculture that characterised most of the sub-region's economies by diversifying and broadening productive bases.

He also said efforts must be made to reduce imports and export more in order to achieve a healthier balance of payments.

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Gold prices move up

Dollar ends weaker on oil price fears

LONDON, Sept 30, (Reuter): The dollar ended weaker today on concern that Saudi Arabia might flood the world crude market with oil, dealers said.

The dollar closed in London at 1.8730 West German marks and 133.90 Japanese yen against 1.8822 and 134.35 on Thursday.

A moderate rise in the US index of leading indicators for August had little impact on the currency markets, dealers said. The increase pointed to continued economic growth, but at a pace avoiding an inflationary surge.

An announcement from Moscow that Andrei Gromyko and four other top figures were dropped from the Kremlin leadership also had little effect, the dealers said. The dollar sometimes rises in times of political uncertainty.

Subdued

The dollar had been subdued all week amid concern that any sharp upward movement would be capped by Central Bank intervention in line with a pledge last weekend by the Group of Seven nations to try to keep currency values stable.

The price of oil sank today to its lowest in 25 months as the reports that Saudi Arabia was turning up the taps hit a market already awash with surplus crude.

Crude from Britain's North Sea Brent field is a favoured price barometer. A cargo of its traded today for as little as $12.52 a barrel for November loading, a 25-month low.

Weak petroleum prices continue to soothe market nerves over inflation while undermining gold, the favoured hedge against higher inflation.

Gold bullion was fixed at $396.70 an ounce in London during the afternoon, up 55 cents from the morning.

Wall Street stocks were higher in a hesitant session this morning session. The Dow Jones industrial average was ahead seven points at 2,127.

In London shares were mixed in late afternoon business, having held within a narrow trading range throughout the session, dealers said.

Isolated speculative positions continued to provide interest in a market experiencing profit-taking after a series of gains since the start of the week. Adjustments at the end of the trading account also led to profit-taking, dealers said.

Rise

Lasmo stood out with a 47p rise to 593 on talk it would receive a boost from the auction of its 25 per cent Enterprise Oil stake and still remain a bid target. The FTSE 100 share index was down 1.2 points to 1,827.8 at 1445 GMT.

Analysts said Lasmo might receive more than £1 per share in excess of the current 686p price for Enterprise from the auction of its shares. Enterprise was up 25p today.

The market does not expect to hear the details of Lasmo's Enterprise stake auction until next week but this has not stopped participants from speculating about RTZ's near 30 per cent stake in Lasmo since the recent dawn raid by British Gas.

British Gas and Atlantic Richfield of the US have been mentioned as possible bidders for Enterprise, but the British Gas raid has raised speculation that Lasmo might prove vulnerable to a bid from another quarter, dealers said.

Higher

Elsewhere in the oil sector Ultramar was up 14p to 269 on market speculation that Lasmo might be interested in buying New Zealand businessman Ron Brierley's 14 per cent holding in Ultramar with the cash generated from the auction of its Enterprise stake, prior to mounting a full scale bid.

Insurer Sun Life was 135p higher at 1,135 after confirmation that French insurer Union Des Assurances De Paris (UAP) had acquired a 10.7 per cent in the company through market purchases today. The stock had earlier achieved most of this gain on rumours of UAP share purchases, dealers said.

Sun Life said the UAP share purchases were made with the knowledge and full agreement of Sun Life and that UAP has no intention of making an offer for the company within the next 12 months. Sun Life's share gains followed news this morning of its shareholder rejection of a plan to link up with UAP.

Stake

Allied Lyons fell 11p to 457. Bond Corp said yesterday it raised its stake in the firm to 11.08 per cent from seven per cent. The news dispelled talk of an imminent bid for the company.

Bond Corp is not viewed as a predator, given its relative size to Allied and preoccupation with Bell Group asset disposals, dealers said.

Allied Lyons was again among the most actively traded issues with some 8.1 million shares changing hands by the close.

Smith and Nephew was also active, up 6p to 124 on turnover of 6.4 million shares, helped by renewed talk a US company might be interested in a bid. "We've certainly heard these stories more than a few times before but the market seems to be in the mood to give them credence at the moment," one dealer observed.

Grand Met fell 8p to 496 on news it sold Inter Continental Hotels to Japan's Saison Group for £2.27 billion. This was slightly below what was expected but Grand Met said it expects to make a net profit of over £500 million on the sale.

Down

Sears shares closed at the top of the actives list with a turnover of 10.9 million shares. The company is due to report trading figures next week but the shares were down 2p to 131 on concern about the House of Fraser's 10 per cent holding in the company. The House of Fraser is currently being investigated by Britain's serious fraud office.

Lonhro, which had bid for House of Fraser, was unchanged at 345, although some 10.3 million shares had changed hands by the close. Lonhro has been surrounded by bid speculation ever since US arbitrageur Asher Edelman recently announced a stake in Lonhro and subsequently built upon that holding.

Decades of sin to be overcome in farm reforms: GATT chief

ISLAMABAD, Sept 30, (Reuter): Efforts to reform world trade in food by eliminating export subsidies means curing decades of "sin," GATT director-general Arthur Dunkel said today.

Speaking on the eve of an informal meeting of trade ministers in the Pakistan capital, the Swiss head of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade said farm reform would be a major issue at the talks.

"We have to cure 40 years of sins in agriculture," he said, referring to the direct and indirect subsidies that many countries use to bolster their farmers and food exports.

"It is one of the weakest parts of the GATT and it is an area where we have to make a great deal more progress."

Negotiations

Agriculture is being tackled by the GATT trade body for the first time in its present negotiations, known as the Uruguay round, which aims to loosen controls on world trade.

The negotiations, which reach their halfway stage at ministerial talks in Montreal in December, also deal with trade in intellectual property, such as patents, services and trade related investment for the first time.

The United States is demanding an end to trade distorting farm subsidies by the year 2000 but accuses the European Economic Community of blocking progress.

Products

Dunkel said in an interview he hoped the three-day Islamabad meeting of trade representatives of 26 nations would make headway on one area of farm trade — tropical products.

Dissatisfaction over progress in an area vital to many developing countries has given way to more optimism since several countries recently tabled proposals on opening their markets to products such as fruits and spices.

"I think we could have a very worthwhile assessment of what has been done and what can be done at Montreal," said Dunkel.

However, he cautioned against expecting too much to emerge from the informal talks which involve less than a third of the 105 nations taking part in the Uruguay round.

"It is a sort of refresher co[…] for ministers who, in their c[…] capitals, can't follow the day-[…]day workings of the GATT," […] said.

Because those taking p[…] including the United Sta[…] Japan, and several Europe[…] nations as well as South Ko[…] and developing countries such[…] India and Brazil, cannot spe[…] for the rest of GATT, no form[…] decisions can be taken at t[…] talks.

"The focus will be on w[…] there are blockages and tryi[…] unblock them, not by taki[…] decisions but by ministers taki[…] a fresh look at their position[…]" he said.

Some delegates particula[…] the United States, have co[…]plained of a disappointing lack […] progress in the trade negot[…]tions, but Dunkel disagreed.

"If you compare the pace […] progress in this round, taki[…] into account the complexity […] the issues and the number of pa[…]ties involved, we are much bett[…] off at this stage than we ha[…] been in any other round," […] said.

Oil prices take another slide

LONDON, Sept 30, (Reuter): The price of oil sank today to its lowest in 25 months as reports that Saudi Arabia was turning up the taps hit a market already awash with surpluses.

Traders said the reports fuelled fears of a price crash.

According to one view, the Saudis and their Gulf allies simply no longer cared about defending prices through the OPEC organisation which they helped to found in 1960.

Another theory was that Saudi Arabia was back at the game it used to play when Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani was oil minister, when it often used its huge output capacity to flood the market and bring the other 12 fractious OPEC sellers into line.

Prices

This time, said analyst Steve Turner with London brokers Smith New Court, it perhaps had a strategic eye on Iraq and Iran which may be tempted to overproduce wildly to pay to rebuild economies shattered by their Gulf war, regardless of prices.

The message from the Saudis, the biggest exporters, would be: get into line and accept and abide by OPEC output quotas, because in any real battle for market share you will lose.

"It may be that the Saudis want to teach everyone a lesson," Turner said. "Pieces of the jigsaw seem to be falling into place."

OPEC has scheduled October talks by a ministerial strategy committee, including Iraq and Iran, to discus excess output. A full organisation conference is due on November 21.

Iraq simply refuses any limit on output. It wants as big a quota as Iran, historically a bigger producer. Iran and others have never allowed that. Among Saudi allies in the Gulf, the United Arab Emirates has flouted its quota, calling it unfair.

Lucrative

The net result of these and other quota violations is total OPEC volume above 20 million barrels daily, the industry thinks, compared with just under 18 million which organisation headquarters in Vienna reckons is called for to balance the market.

OPEC president Rilwanu Lukman of Nigeria says the excess could send prices below $9, as happened in 1986.

Cheap oil has eased investor fears about world inflation. But a collapse would spell trouble for Third World debtors like Venezuela, Indonesia, Egypt and Nigeria which export oil.

It might mean fewer lucrati[…] contracts for Western and Asia[…] business in the Middle East an[…] might further tighten belts i[…] Texas where a weak market h[…] already hit the economy.

Analysts said that, if th[…] Saudis are simply trying to scar[…] the rest of OPEC into line, ther[…] are risks.

"The market is very cynical. I[…] has ceased to give OPEC the benefit of the doubt," said Turner a[…] Smith New Court.

Meanwhile in the Gulf itsel[…] several analysts took anothe[…] viewpoint.

They thought heavyweight[…] Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and th[…] United Arab Emirates may now aim simply to raise their sha[…] o[…] the market, increasingly ignoring OPEC unity and seeking to control output right from desert well to petrol pump.

They said the present conflict may signal an OPEC watershed.

Reserves

With bigger financial and petroleum reserves, the Saudis and allies could sit out weak prices longer than others. Also, they have been buying refineries and pump outlets in the West so as to become less vulnerable to fluctuations in crude oil.

Kuwait team to IMF meeting returns

KUWAIT'S delegate to the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Faisal Abdul Aziz Al Zamil, has asserted the importance of his country's presence in the international finance conference and meetings given the fact that Kuwait is a donor country.

Zamil spoke to KUNA after returning from West Berlin where he attended the joint International Monetary Fund and World Bank meetings. He said Kuwait is one of the surplus money nations many finance corporations and countries with investment opportunities are interested in.

Kuwait's 20-member delegation to the just concluded joint meeting of the IMF and the World Bank included the finance minister, the governor of the Central Bank, the board chairman of the Kuwait Investment Authority and the director general of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development.

He said that since many of the officials of the IDB member states attended the meetings of the IMF and the World Bank, other meetings are held to exchange views and try to resolve the difficulties confronting execution of some of the bank's activities.

Zamil returned home on Thursday night from West Berlin.

Retail sales and growth in personal income sluggish

US leading indicators rise 0.4pc

WASHINGTON, Sept 30, (Agencies): The US index of leading indicators, the government's main barometer of future economic activity, rose a modest 0.4 per cent in August after falling 0.6 per cent in July, the Commerce Department said today.

The moderate rise in the August index pointed to continued economic growth but at a pace that would avoid a surge in inflation.

But analysts caution against drawing firm conclusions from a single month's figures. The index is designed to predict economic activity six to nine months in advance, and economists say it takes three months of reports to establish a clear trend.

In July, today's report said, the index dropped 0.6 per cent afer rising 1.5 per cent in June, the best in 18 months. The July decline had earlier been calculated at 0.8 per cent and the June gain at 1.4 per cent.

The August index report is another piece of evidence indicating that some analysts may have been premature in reading signs of a slowdown in August.

Increase

Five of the available nine components of the index contributed to the increase, four detracted from it.

The biggest boosts came from a drop in average weekly claims for state unemployment benefits, from 325,000 in July to 298,000 in August. A rise in orders for manufactured consumer goods from $85.2 billion to $89.3 billion last month, also was a big plus.

Together, these two categories accounted for half of the positive activity. Also adding to the overall increase were rises in plant and equipment orders, in building permits and in the price of raw materials, which is read as a sign of strong demand.

Indicators making a negative contribution, in order of severity, were a decrease in business delivery times, read as an indication of slackening demand; a drop in the average workweek; a decline in the Standard-and-Poor's index of 500 stocks, and a contraction of the money supply in inflation-adjusted dollars.

The 0.4 per cent overall increase left the index at 193.4 per cent of its 1967 base of 100.

Bigger

The August rise was a bit bigger than most analysts were expecting. Most looked for only a slight increase or for the index to remain flat.

In the last week, economists have been reconsidering an earlier judgement that this year's robust growth was beginning a welcome cooling in August. Many now read signs of slowness as indicating a pause in growth rather than the start of a trend.

The August unemployment survey, the first report hailed as a sign of a slowdown, jumped from 5.4 per cent of the work force to 5.6 per cent. Retail sales and growth in personal income were also sluggish.

Strength

Other analysts weren't so sure, pointing to continued strength in manufacturing of "big ticket" durable goods and evidence that the employment report may have been an aberration.

Some analysts argue that the drop in jobless claims could indicate the unemployment rate increase was a fluke, caused in part by difficulty in adjusting the statistic for seasonal factors and in part by temporary factory layoffs caused by unusual heat and power brownouts.

"People will come to realise that any slowdown will be minor at best and won't be enough to take off price pressures," said Paul Denoon, an economist with Manufacturers Hanover.

Lyle Gramley, chief economist of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America and a former Federal Reserve board member, said the two sectors that have been driving the economy — export sales and spending by businesses to modernise and expand — remain solid.

"I don't see any evidence that either of those two engines are slowing down to a more moderate pace," he said. And unless more evidence emerges to confirm a slowdown, the Fed will be forced to push interest rates higher, although probably not until after the US presidential election, he said.

Economists caution against drawing immediate conclusions from the leading index even though since its creation in 1948 it has correctly predicted all eight recessions. It did that in each case six to nine months in advance by declining three times in a row. However, it also has falsely predicted a recession four times."

The leading index, since its creation in 1948, has correctly predicted all eight recessions.

Also, preliminary estimates of the index are often revised substantially in later months. For instance, declines were initially reported for five straight months — from September 1987 through January. Later revisions wiped out all but two of the drops, in November and January.

The index last declined for three consecutive months from June through August 1984. The economic expansion slowed, but there was no contraction.

Pakistan expects $1b in IMF aid

ISLAMABAD, Sept 30, (Reuter): Pakistan expects $1 billion from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as balance of payments support, Finance Minister Mahbubul Haq said today.

Haq, quoted by the official APP news agency, said a loan package would be signed within a month and an IMF mission would visit Pakistan in mid-October to finalise arrangements.

Haq said he had also received assurances the World Bank would increase its assistance to Pakistan to $800 million this year from $667 million in 1987.

Arab oil strategy vital

ABU DHABI, Sept 30, (OPECNA): A senior Arab oil official has called for laying down an Arab oil strategy to back up the Arab nation's social, economic and political objectives.

Abdul Aziz Al Wattari, acting secretary-general of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), said in an interview here that lack of strategic co-ordination had prevented OAPEC member states from achieving their economic and political objectives.

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Growth in Third World can be advanced, says OPEC Fund chief

WEST BERLIN, Sept 30, (OPECNA): Dr Seyyid Abdulai, director-general of the OPEC Fund for International Development, said here yesterday that the process of growth in developing countries could be advanced provided there was willingness on the part of all concerned to take right and concrete steps.

In a statement at the World Bank-IMF meetings of the heads of multilateral financial institutions and the bank's development committee on resource transfers to developing countries, he said delays in decision-making and implementation should be avoided as it would lead to the worsening of the existing situation.

Effort

He said every effort should be made to promote early and concrete action and take bold measures in the spirit of international co-operation.

While acknowledging that many initiatives had been launched by the international community to deal with the situation, he emphasised that much remained to be done.

Commenting on structural adjustment programmes, the OPEC Fund head said many countries, especially in Africa, had accepted and then abandoned them. In that continent, he noted, economic growth — a primary promise of structural adjustment — had not taken place.

Elements

He said while adjustment programmes were not "intrinsically bad," by neglecting a number of important elements they had brought about their own "derailment."

Abdulai listed the following shortcomings: short time horizons, limited resource transfers, not enough attention to external factors beyond the control of developing countries, bias towards measures aimed at solving external balance-of-payments problems rather than crucial internal issues, and failure to recognise that development was "for the people" and any programme not based on this premise was bound to fail.

On the external debt of the developing world, now in excess of $1.20 trillion, he said it had now assumed enormous dimensions, imposing a heavy toll on the daily lives and future prospects of billions of people.

The debt burden constituted a major hindrance to economic growth and seriously affected the social and political stability of nations, he said, adding "the problem will not be solved merely through the simple exercise of talking it to death."

Abdulai said when fears arose about the very survival of the international banking system, the concept of "interdependence" was brought to the fore.

In the long run, he said, the cancellation and rescheduling of debt alone would not solve the problems of developing countries. Policies of the developed countries had a critical impact upon the capacity of the South to earn the resources they needed to support economic growth and meet debt service obligations, he added.

Chinese fair to promote trade ties with Gabon

LIBREVILLE, Sept 30, (OPECNA): China has organised an exhibition here in an attempt to intensify trade relations between the two countries.

China's industrial region of Tianjin has been organising such events for the past three years in a bid to establish a firm foothold in Gabon's domestic markets.

According to the latest statistics, China ranks 11th in Gabon's list of worldwide suppliers and second among developing countries along with Argentina.

Appeal

The trade office at the Chinese embassy in Gabon together with Gabon's office of foreign trade has briefed Tianjin representatives on the goods that appeal most to Gabonese consumers.

Michel Teale, foreign trade director-general, visited industrial units in Tianjin ahead of the exhibition to assess essential requirements for the event.

Nigerian oil output seen above its OPEC quota

LAGOS, Sept 30, (Reuter): Nigeria's crude oil output in September ran at about 125,000 barrels per day (BPD) above its OPEC quota, oil industry sources said today.

The overproduction reflects pressure on Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman, the chairman of OPEC, to stop sacrificing his country's foreign earnings out of loyalty to an organisation whose cheating members have helped to glut world oil markets and drive prices to two-year lows.

"One can say Nigeria has been respecting OPEC policies," a senior oil company executive told Reuters. "One can also say Nigeria will not continue to if everybody is abandoning quotas."

An industry source who declined to be named said that "there has been some increase (in output) ... all the oil companies have received higher allocations."

Production

But the sources dismissed an industry newsletter report this week that Nigeria was producing between 1.6-1.7 million BPD. They said the country could not sustain that level of production.

"It's about 1.5 million ... the overall capacity now is low because exploration has not been as intensive as in the past." The senior oil company executive said.

The 1.5 million figure includes about 75,000 BPD of condensate, which is not considered part of the country's OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) quota of 1.301 million BPD.

Pressures on Lukman to raise output and boost foreign earnings is reported to be coming from within Nigeria's ruling Military Council.

It follows quota breaches by several of OPEC's 13 members. Which have fed a glut in crude oil supplies and pushed prices down to about $12.50 a barrel.

In a speech to military officers on Sept 12, Lukman said oil prices could drop to $9 if overproduction by some OPEC members was not checked. He pledged that Nigeria would stick to its quota.

But a senior state oil official said this week Nigeria would have no option but to raise output if OPEC could not stop cheating.

"Nigeria will have no further option but to increase BPD if OPEC could no longer act collectively to stabilise the oil market," Michael Olorunfemi, deputy managing director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) told an oil seminar in Lagos on Tuesday.

OPEC's price panel discussed the market situation in Madrid this week and agreed to hold joint talks next month with its long-term strategy committee.

Some Nigerians at the Lagos seminar believed the country had to produce up to two million BPD to earn enough to carry on with economic reforms introduced in 1986.

Japanese engineers to check petrochemical project in Iran

TOKYO, Sept 30, (AP): A Japanese company helping buil[…] a multibillion-US-dollar petrochemical complex in souther[…] Iran said today it will sent 1[…] engineers there next month t[…] determine how badly the complex was damaged by the Iran[…] Iraq war.

A Mitsui and Co. official, wh[…] spoke on condition of anonymity, said the Oct 5-19 investigation will be conducted joint[…] by Japanese and Iranian engineers to decide if it would be wort[…] resuming construction.

He said the complex was 85 pe[…]cent complete when constructio[…] was suspended in October 198[…] following attacks on the facilit[…] by Iraqi planes.

Project

Following the Iran-Ira[…] ceasefire on Aug 20, Hirosl[…] Watada, president of the Tokyo-based Iran Chemical Develop[…]ment Co. and an executive […] Mitsui, went to Tehran. He an[…] Nadjafabadi Teheri, managin[…] director of National Petro[…]chemical Co. of Iran, agreed […] inspect the complex before ma[…]ing any decision on the project.

Watada told a news co[…]ference then that Iran knew […] was impossible to complete th[…] complex as originally plann[…] but hoped to finish part of th[…] complex with the use of th[…] available facilities.

Mitsui and Co. is the prima[…] partner in the Iran Chemic[…] Development Co with sever[…] other Japanese companies.

By 1981, the Iran Chemic[…] Development Co. and th[…] National Petrochemical Co […] Iran each had spent 300 billi[…] yen ($2.24 billion) on the proje[…] near the Port of Band[…] Khomeini, about 100 kilometr[…] (60 miles) east of the souther[…] frontier city of Abadan.

Lebanese pound strengthens

BEIRUT, Sept 30, (Reuter): Lebanese pound firmed 418.00/420.00 to the dollar […] Thursday from the previo[…] close of 430.00/434.00, the Central Bank said.

Government comes under fire

Skyrocketing prices causing uproar in Egypt

CAIRO, Egypt, Sept 30, (AP): The government is under attack for allowing prices of everything from meat to cloth to television sets to soar beyond the ability of millions of poor Egyptians to pay.

Officials blame unscrupulous merchants and global increases in the prices of raw materials. Merchants blame increasing costs of production.

Whoever or whatever is to blame, prices continue to rise far faster than salaries.

And the skyrocketing prices, reflecting an inflation rate officially acknowledged at more than 20 per cent, are the main topic of conversation on the street, in newspapers and on television and radio.

President Hosni Mubarak told Egyptians in a recent speech that they can expect prices to increase even more in the near future because prices all over the world are on the rise. He predicted 1989 will be a "dark year" for the economy.

That's a daunting thought in a country with untold millions of its 54 million people unemployed or underemployed and most of the employed working for a pittance that would not feed their families without government subsidies. And with its population reproducing at a rate of 1 million every nine months, Egypt already imports 60 per cent of its food.

It already owes foreign creditors $44.1 billion, and in September, Mubarak went on a European tour seeking Western support in negotiations with the International Monetary Fund for help in handling the debt.

The pinch on the little man has even led to rare, and, under an emergency law in force since 1981, illegal worker demonstrations.

After Mubarak said he could not afford to pay government and public-sector employees September bonuses, which workers have come to expect as a way of helping with their children's school fees, hundreds peacefully demonstrated in several state-owned factories.

Religious fervor is on the rise as well, as evidenced by overflow crowds during Friday prayers and more women than ever wearing the Islamic hair-covering veil.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Sept 30, (Reuter): Shares closed higher as option trade boosted turnover and sentiment improved. The All-Ordinaries index rose 6.1 points to 1,548.

TOKYO: Prices finished higher, a last minute surge boosting them to near the day's peak amid general investor confidence. The Nikkei index rose 223.54 points, 0.81 pct, to 27,923.67.

HONG KONG: Stocks gave up early gains to close barely steady, with sentiment slightly bearish on general lack of market interest. The Hang Seng index rose 1.66 to 2,441.05.

SINGAPORE: Prices were marginally higher, helped by an overnight Wall Street rally and a firmer Tokyo Stock Market. The Straits Times industrial index rose 4.27 to 1,034.96.

BOMBAY: Prices rose sharply on heavy speculative buying after the market was closed for four days to settle deals. Improved company results spurred the rally.

LONDON: Shares were mixed after trading in a narrow range throughout the session. Some profit-taking offset isolated speculative positions. AT 1445 GM, the FTSE-100 index was down 1.2 at 1,827.8.

A revealing insight on the man behind the enigma

Behind the showmanship of Shaw

By Hilary Spurling

WANTED, with view to marriage, "a reasonably healthy woman of about 60, accustomed to plain vegetarian cookery, able to read and write enough to forward letters when her husband is away, but otherwise uneducated. Must be plain featured...One who has never been in a theatre preferred. Separate rooms."

This is Shaw, cheerfully listing his meagre requirements shortly before he marries Charlotte Payne Townshend (who could hardly meet any of them) in 1898 on the last page of this first volume of Michael Holroyd's gargantuan three-decker biography. The jocular Shavian tone is designed to disclaim while simultaneously flaunting the dismal misanthropy and self-denial of Shaw's marriage proposal. He was 42 at the time: a powerful and pugilistic columnist, theatre critic, public speaker, Fabian pamphleteer and veteran of local government, just beginning to scent his first whiff of success as a playwright.

But he was also run-down, disheartened, sick, lame, virtually bedridden, exhausted in body and spirit by a punishing work schedule and what he called "years of unbroken failure and rebuff." His future wife, arrived to kidnap him from the family lodgings, was appalled at the squalor and neglect, the utter want of affection, let alone comfort, supplied by Shaw's mother and sister.

What drew Shaw and his wife

Charlotte Payne Townshend: the woman that Shaw married

together at a deeper level even than their socialism, or their mutual aversion to tobacco and marital relations, was their common experience of an atrocious childhood. "I was just something that happened to them" Shaw wrote bleakly of his parents, looking back on his father's humiliating shiftlessness and passivity, his mother's indifference mixed with equally stony contempt.

Shaw never got over his "devil of a childhood...rich only in dreams, frightful and loveless in realities." In one sense, he never advanced on it either. The texture of both his life and work remained, emotionally speaking, at best rudimentary, thin and pitifully constricted.

Abstention from drink, and increasingly from sex as well, was matched as he grew older by an insatiable appetite for sweet things — chocolate biscuits, honey-coloured jellies; and the bright, busy, paradoxical, psychologically untroubled world of his plays corresponds, on a spiritual level, to the same infantile craving for comfort and compensation. "It seemed to me inorganic, logical straightness, and not the crooked road of life," wrote Yeats, shocked by the first production of 'Arms and the Man,' yet I stood aghast before its energy..."

Effect

The galvanising effect of Shaw's energy on Victorian power structures, whether social, political or theatrical, was devastating. He correctly predicted so much that it is at times hard to credit how many of his forecasts — from the NHS to the National Theatre, not forgetting details like the Channel tunnel, contemporary biographical techniques, and the manipulation of media hype — were once a non-smoker's pipe dream.

But before he could effectively direct his energy outwards, he expended it on himself. The greater part of this volume is devoted to the long, elaborate, laborious process whereby Shaw learnt not so much to conceal as to capitalise on the weakness, inadequacy, the crippling shyness and self-disgust, the ferocious, slow-burning resentments of his early years.

George Bernard Shaw: never got over 'his devil of a childhood'

Holroyd calls him "Sonny" in the initial stages so as to distinguish him from later incarnations as "George," "Shaw Ltd" and the final, triumphal, imperturbable, impenetrable "GBS." "Even those women who are clever enough to understand that such a person as myself might exist," Shaw wrote, complacently surveying this last monstrous creation, "can't bring themselves to believe that I am that person."

Triumph

Holroyd's triumph has been to track that person to his lair. What he finds behind the showmanship, the vanity and shameless self-advertisement, is a creature irreparably damaged in the attempt to force "vulgarity on a talent that is naturally quiet and sympathetic." Against all the odds Holroyd has, in short, succeeded — as perhaps all good biographers must do — in discerning something of himself in his subject: a scholarly, defensive, fastidiously sensitive soul ruthlessly suppressed by Shaw in the interests of publicity.

It is, of course, this suppression that supplied Shaw's writings with their powerful subterranean kick. "There are things that we just cannot bring ourselves to confess," wrote Shaw; and again and again Holroyd shows these things pressing painfully, "like a concealed bruise," against the surface of Shaw's life and work.

They drove him in his professional life, and they dictated his love affairs: the cruel cat-and-mouse games he played with the women whom he flattered, ensnared and tantalised before sheering off unscathed himself. A woman's attraction was always enhanced for Shaw by possession of a husband or lover whom he could cut out, as he did Henry Irving, in the course of a passionate, strictly bodiless affair with Ellen Terry. The private vindictiveness behind Shaw's public persecution of Irving makes sordid reading.

But all Shaw's love affairs conform more or less to the pattern of relations between his mother and her musical partner in Dublin, Vandeleur Lee, the model for du Maurier's Svengali. Their association darkened and contaminated Shaw's boyhood; and, though Holroyd remains cagey as to how far it went, he makes very clear Shaw's desperate need to believe it was platonic.

The pain and shame it caused him lurk invisibly beneath the lines of play after play, from "Mrs Warren's Profession" to "Candida" and beyond. Hence no doubt the intense reactions they provoke, even among those who loathe them and who yet always hear, behind the relentlessly facetious surface, the faint, unsettling, whistling cry of fear and deprivation.

Decade

Holroyd has spent a decade and more exploring his extraordinary subject with exemplary thoroughness and patience, succumbing only rarely to fits of exasperation or the temptation to answer Shaw back under extreme provocation. He might have said more about Shaw's formidably enigmatic mother; and his infuriating decision to abolish all documentation (to be published at an unspecified date and no doubt an exorbitant price) too often muddle or obscures his arguments. But he writes so unassumingly, so persuasively, with such magisterial grasp of detail, that even those who still can't like Shaw can at least understand, admire, and, like Yeats, stand aghast.

Bernard Shaw — Volume I; 1856-1898: The Search for Love, By Michael Holroyd, Chatto. £16.

An actor for all seasons

By Hugo Vickers

LORD Olivier "Lears" majestically from the cover of this 453-page biography. "Is anybody there?" Holden asks. He quotes Joan Plowright saying "Larry? Oh he's acting all the time"; Peter Ustinov wishing that he would "put on a false nose and be himself again"; and Peter Hall describing him as "both a god and a monster", adding "I suspect that God is rather like Olivier."

I feel that Holden has netted old Larry, though it is no easy task since his subject is the master of disguise. In his time Olivier has been able to emerge from a theatre through waiting crowds, having cast off his stage magnetism, and succeeded in being ignored as a chauffeur. Holden portrays Olivier in his many memorable stage roles from his beginnings as a Ronald Colman lookalike to his last weird appearance as a hologram. In between we meet so many varied Oliviers that there is no fear of being bored.

Transformed

A clergyman's son, whose mother died when he was young, Olivier transformed himself from a roaring sort of peasant boy with no magic into a matinee idol. The chapter on his manipulation of Gielgud should be compulsory reading at Harvard Business School. Gielgud spotted his talent and urged him to join in alternating Romeos, Olivier's first step towards stealing Gielgud's crown. Years later Olivier chose the unthreatening Frank Finlay as his Iago lest history repeat itself.

Diverted from an unsatisfactory first marriage, Olivier learned as much about elegant (if exhausting) high life from Vivien Leigh as she learned about stage technique from him. A highly competitive man, he had less film presence than Vivien and never made another film with her after 1941. His multiple triumph of producing, directing and starring in Henry V was followed by a successful run at the Old Vic and on Broadway, after which he had the screen and the stage in his palm.

Prove

This could well prove to be the definitive life of Olivier, for I do not see the present Lady Olivier releasing papers or copyright, or the key sources co-operating for an official, yet impartial, posthumous Olivier.

But now — as Beverly Baxter once wrote of Olivier — we must reach for the cane, not to apply it, but to remind Holden that it is there. I am unfairly well-placed to spot errors in relation to Vivien Leigh, most of which come from his reliance on Anne Edwards' inaccurate biography. However, he could have checked that Marilyn Monroe rented Lord Moore's house (not Lord North's — who he?) in Lord Drogheda's memoirs (Weidenfeld 1978), and that Rex Harrison had left Lilli Palmer by 1956, in Noel Coward's Diaries (Weidenfeld 1983) — errors unworthy of such an authoritative and enjoyable book.

OLIVIER
By Anthony Holden

Laurence Olivier: acting all the time

Uncovering Stalin's excesses

By Russell Lewis

WHOEVER invented the theory that suffering is essential for the production of great works of art must have been thinking of the Russian novel.

Tsarist oppression produced Tolstoy, the Revolution Boris Pasternak, the Stalinist purges Solzhenitsyn and now Anatoli Rybakov.

Children of the Arbat is about a group of friends who live in a block of flats in Arbat Street, Moscow. The hero, Sasha Pankratov is a young Communist League leader at an engineering institute in the 1930s.

He is arrested on a patently trumped-up charge and subjected to long interrogations by the NKVD, the predecessor of the KGB. Some of his friends get up a protest but few, in the end, sign it. And who can blame them, knowing what used to happen to protesters in the Soviet Union in those days?

One of his friends actually betrays him and becomes an agent of the secret police. Poor Sasha is duly sentenced to three years in Siberia.

This comparatively light sentence was because he was entirely innocent. Had they been able to pin anything on him he would have got ten years.

While chronicling Sasha's miserable career in exile, the novel also tells us what Stalin is up to and attempts to explain what is going on in the dictator's mind.

This is an uncomfortable business, seeing that Stalin was paranoid. Yet Rybakov does convey convincingly how the old tyrant could only feel secure as long as everyone around him was in a state of total funk.

His underlings, in turn, terrorised everybody else so that the whole country was paralysed with fear. To that end, the more random the arrests, executions and despatches to labour camps the better.

You can only frighten everyone when no one is safe and the rationale of guilt or innocence doesn't come into it.

Why such a tale of wretchedness and persecution should be so absorbing is a mystery, but this book is unquestionably a compulsive read. At first blush, it seems even stranger that the Russian public went berserk over it, paying many times the cover price for a copy.

One might think that they would rather forget about Stalin, just as most Germans would rather forget about Hitler.

The difference is that until recently the Russians weren't allowed to know the truth about the Stalin years. This is a avowedly a glasnost novel, banned for 20 years but now issued with the blessing of Gorbachev.

The Soviet public want to read it because it helps them to come to terms with their past.

As Rybakov put it: 'We cannot bring up our children on lies.' To do so is to remain enslaved by an evil past.

Saint Paul put it more positively. 'Seek ye the truth,' he said 'for the truth shall make you free.'

Children of the Arbat by Anatoli Rybakov, translated by Dr Harold Shukman (Hutchinson, £12.95).

The real world of Suzie Wong

By Kate Dourian

LONDON, (Reuter): For Tsai Chin, best remembered for her role in the London production of **The World of Suzie Wong** more than 30 years ago, the world was a stage.

Until she fell off.

Her recent autobiography **Daughter of Shanghai**, is about her slow rehabilitation after a collapse from meteoric stardom to defeat and poverty.

The daughter of a leading classical stage actor in China, Chin crossed the threshold from East to West to make her mark in an alien culture at a time when most Britons had yet to acquire a taste even for Chinese cuisine.

In her book, she describes her early days at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts (RADA) in London where her fur coat and diamond ring led classmates to assume she was an Oriental princess.

She did not have a hard time landing the part of Suzie Wong or **A Tart With a Heart** as the British press dubbed the character in the West End stage production.

"It's all right to be exotic but you can be lost in that. The book is a rebellion against being sucked in. It is about rebellion, about fight," Chin said in an interview at her London apartment.

After **Suzie Wong**, she appeared in a few films, including a brief role in a James Bond movie.

Suzie Wong started a fashion craze and soon women were emulating Chin. Long, black hair was in and some women even dyed their hair jet black and pencilled their eyes to make them more almond shaped.

So appealing were her Oriental looks that one American woman at a cocktail party loudly declared that she would like to take Chin home with her "and put her on a mantlepiece."

London Zoo even named a leopard after her.

For a while, Chin allowed herself to get trapped into the role model of submissive China doll because, she said, it was convenient.

"Let's face it, I could not exactly be the English rose," she chuckled, her dark eyes sparkling with energy as she clasped a cup of Chinese tea with her manicured hands.

While she was being toasted in London of the 'swinging sixties,' Chin was unaware of the tragedy unfolding in her country during the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution nor did she know that her parents were being beaten and tortured by the Red Guards.

Illusions

The knowledge shattered her illusions and, in a moment of utter desperation, she tried to commit suicide.

That was in Los Angeles in 1974 when, after losing money in the London property market, she had moved to the United States and was working as a hostess in one of a chain of restaurants owned by her brother.

"I felt then that I had rubbed shoulders with history," the twice-divorced Chin said.

Then, she decided to get a degree in theatre arts and attended Tufts University which she says taught her discipline.

She had a serious part as a Chinese politician — a role based on Jiang Qing, wife of the late chairman Mao Tse Tung — in a television film **The Subject of Struggle**.

By now, she had discarded her image of a carefree social butterfly.

"...Inside the China doll was a large person trying to get out, never seen, never addressed. A tiny voice of frustration gradually rose in a crescendo, to a silent scream," she writes.

As a child in Shanghai when it was a concession under Western rule, her privileged life had shielded her from the realities of Japanese occupation, war and communism.

She learned more about her country while in London.

"I realised that I had learned from different history books. Each nation writes its own history," she writes.

Her father's last words to her before she left China had been: "You must always remember you are Chinese."

She never saw her father, actor Zhou Xinfang, after leaving China in the 1950s, but her mother visited her in Britain in late 1960s. Her father died in 1975 and her mother died under torture, according to the book.

Mapping national history

By Chris Petit

THE Shadow Lines deals with the — birth of a nation, the partition of Pakistan and India — very differently. It is the work of a major writer whose vocation is evident on every page. Amitav Ghosh's novel resists summary, as the publisher's blurb shows, its subjects being the swirling complexities of memory and life. An historical theme gradually emerges from a story of a family divided by the Partition, and scattered between the subcontinent (in more or less constant turmoil and London (in war and peace).

As benefits a novel obsessed with looking-glasses, the narrative works as a series of reflections on how public events and personal lives refract rather than mirror.

Ghosh's shadow lines are those invisible ones that chart every history: illness and disaster, sudden good fortune, migration.

His fascination is with how life is not strictly chronological (the past saturates the present) but proceeds simultaneously at different rhythms, which converge only in extreme crisis and upheaval.

Ghosh is like a cartographer mapping unknown (because forgotten) territory in the historical margins where individual and national destinies bisect.

The Shadow Lines By Amitav Ghosh, Bloomsbury, £12.95

Profiting from graffiti

By Martin Cropper

DENIS HEALEY erred in imagining that Saatchi & Saatchi had had their own staff pose as a dole queue in the celebrated "Labour Isn't Working" pre-elections posters of 1978.

The pretend victims of Callaghan's misrule were Young Conservatives from South Hendon.

In earlier days prospective clients had made a similar mistake in accepting the busy bees in the agency's Golden Square offices as genuine employees.

The house had been pappared with passers-by who were handed a bank note each and told to look dynamic.

Self-advertisement, abetted by their cosily symbiotic relationship with Campaign magazine, was certainly the brother's most bumptious innovation — and if all advertising is a feat of illusionism, copywriting is a form of graffiti for profit.

The most impressive aspect of a slogan such as "The World's Favourite Airline" is not that it should induce even more passengers to fly British Airways but that British Airways should have paid someone for writing it.

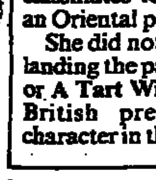
One of Saatchi and Saatchi's notorious advertisements.

"The dog is great," intoned the then Sir John King on first seeing Saatchi & Saatchi's "science-fiction" television commercial for the airline. "It was," he helpfully expanded, "a great idea to have the dog."

The key meetings, phone calls, mega-mergers and high octane spats of the brothers' urge to global corporate power are doggedly logged in a style that makes one despair of contemporary (in other words subject-still-alive) biography. "Probably the most potent force in the Saatchi drive to the top," Fallon concludes, "was their clear singlemindedness."

What do ad-men do with their profit? Maurice owns a 24ft mahogany speedboat, Charles an unconscionably expensive heap of bricks. Tim Bell, the sometime "third brother" and the star of a campaign widely credited with creating a government out of a shopkeeper's daughter surround by counter-jumpers, has this to say: "I work very long hours, and I like to drive to and from work in a lovely car being admired." In such a madhouse of Napoleonic overdrive, this is unexpectedly poignant.

The Brothers: The Rise & Rise of Saatchi & Saatchi by Ivan Fallon (Hutchinson £12.95).



FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR ALLAN BRUGKHEIM

SOFT TISSUE RHEUMATISM GENERALLY SPARES THE JOINTS

QUESTION: Is it possible for rheumatism to attack your muscles, not your joints? I live in a retirement community and have been very friendly with a pretty active woman, who has suddenly stopped wanting to do things. She says she has "rheumatism," not arthritis. I can't get her to see a doctor, she says it will pass.

ANSWER: Several disorders leave a person with musculoskeletal stiffness and/or pain that generally spare the joints. Doctors usually refer to them as soft-tissue rheumatism — so your friend's diagnosis of her own condition may be close to accurate. It is, however, very important for her to see a doctor, because the risks of permanent damage increase when the ailments are allowed to settle in the body without treatment for a long time.

The most common forms of soft-tissue rheumatism are bursitis and tendinitis. The bursa are soft sacs filled with lubricating fluid which are located in connecting tissues, usually near the joints, where friction would otherwise occur.

When a bursa is irritated, either by pressure or injury, the little sac may become inflamed and fill with fluid — thus bursitis results. Usually bursitis will clear up when the inflamed area is rested for a while. It is important, however, to do conditioning exercises once the attack is brought under control to restore function to the area. Too often bursitis sufferers will abstain from using the affected area again, and reflex sympathetic dystrophy will set in — that is, the muscles will degenerate and lose strength.

Tendinitis is obviously an inflammation of the tendons, which are whitish, fibrous bands of tissue that connect muscle to bone.

Treatment for both tendinitis and bursitis may include non-steoroidal anti-inflammatory drugs or injections of steroids into the affected area.

If the swelling is severe, the doctor may insert a needle to draw off excessive fluid and bring down swelling. The worst cases of recurrent bursitis may be helped with surgery. If the inflammation keeps coming back to the same bursa, it may be wise to have that bursa removed.

Reflex sympathetic dystrophy (RSD) — the degeneration of tissue, which I mentioned before — can be dangerous if not treated quickly. The good news is that therapy is usually effective if instituted within six weeks of the onset of symptoms.

There are several other disorders that are under the broad category of "rheumatism." Try to encourage your friend to see a doctor, so that she can begin effective treatment to clear up her problems.

ACROSS MY DESK: almost everyone understands the benefit of exercise on the muscles of our bodies, and the increase in heart and lung function. But there may be more, according to research from the Veterans Administration Medical Centre, Salt Lake City, conducted by Dr Robert Dustman, director of the Neuropsychology Laboratory. Elderly patients who participated in an aerobic programme over a four-month period displayed significant improvement in mental flexibility, reaction time and memory, despite the fact that these functions normally decrease with age. This is in addition to other benefits usually associated with a sensible exercise programme. It's just another indication that exercise is one of the ways of maintaining and improving our total health.

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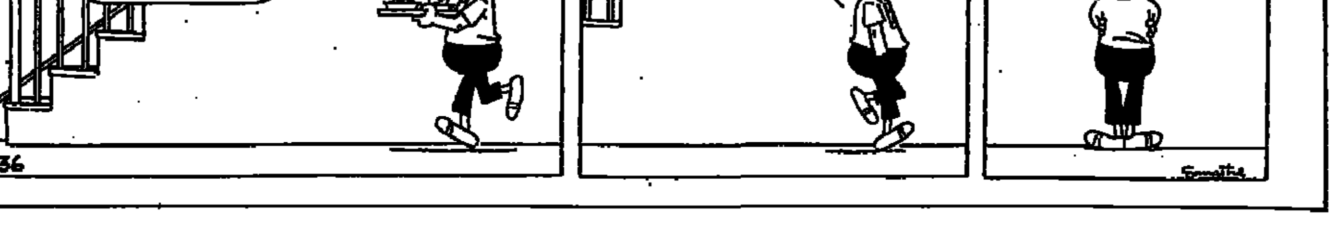

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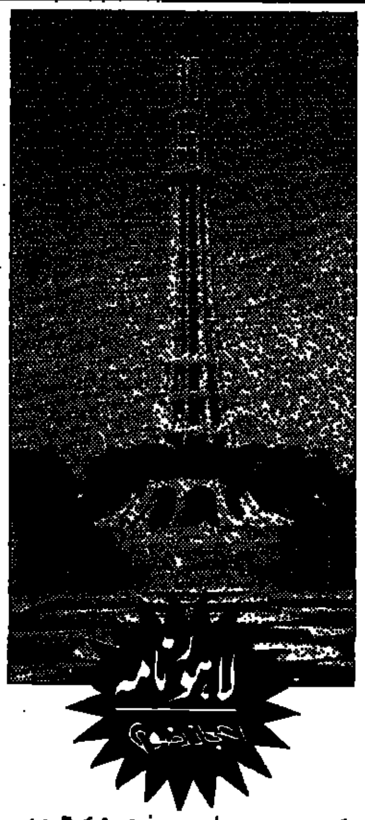
طابا کی سرحد متعین کرنے کیلئے مذاکرات اسرائیلی انتخابات کے بعد ہونگے

القدس۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (رائٹر) اسرائیل اور مصر بحیرہ احمر کی متنازعہ ساحلی پٹی طابا میں حتمی سرحد کی نشاندہی کے لئے مذاکرات نومبر میں اسرائیل کے عام انتخابات کے بعد شروع کریں گے اس کا اعلان آج ریڈیو اسرائیل کے ایک نشریہ میں کیا گیا اس میں بتایا گیا کہ اسرائیل اور مصر کو فوری نے امریکہ کی اس درخواست پر رضامندی ظاہر کر دی ہے کہ طابا کے تصفیہ کے حتمی انتظامات کے لئے یکم نومبر کو ہونے والے عام انتخابات تک انتظار کیا جائے طابا سات سو میٹر پر مشتمل ایک ساحلی پٹی ہے جو سیاحوں کی توجہ کا مرکز ہے اور جہاں اسرائیل نے ایک لگژری ہوٹل بھی تعمیر کر رکھا ہے ثالثوں کے ایک عالمی پینل نے اسرائیل اور مصر کے درمیان اس متنازعہ جگہ پر چھ سالہ تنازعہ کا فیصلہ چند دن قبل مصر کے حق میں دے دیا تھا پانچ رکنی پینل نے کہا کہ طابا مصر کی ملکیت ہے لیکن اس میں سرحدی خط کا تعین نہیں کیا گیا ابھی یہ واضح نہیں کہ کیا اسرائیل مصر کو مذاکرات میں اس پر قائل کرنے کی کوشش کرے گا کہ ہوٹل اور سیاحتی مقام کے علاقے کی دو سو میٹر سرحد کا تعین کرتے ہوئے اسے اسرائیل کی جانب شامل کر دیا جائے

اسرائیلی وزیر اعظم اسحاق شامیر نے کہا ہے کہ طابا پر حتمی سرحد کا تعین مذاکرات میں کیا جائے گا لیکن وزیر خارجہ شمعون پیریز نے کہا ہے کہ اسرائیل ثالثی پینل کے فیصلے کو تسلیم کرنے کے اپنے وعدہ پر قائم رہے گا اسرائیل نے طابا کا علاقہ ۱۹۸۲ء میں امن معاہدوں کی روشنی میں سینا مصر کو واپس کرتے ہوئے اپنے قبضہ میں رکھ لیا تھا ثالثی میں مصر کی جیت اسرائیل میں انتخابی موضوع بن گئی ہے اور وہاں اس سیاسی ناکامی کے لئے دونوں حکومتی گروہ ایک دوسرے کو مورد الزام ٹھہرا رہے ہیں ثالثی پینل نے مصر کے حق میں فیصلہ ایک کے مقابل چار ووٹوں کی اکثریت سے دیا۔

کتابوں کی نمائش

شہر میں کچھ عرصہ سے کتابوں کی نمائش کا ایک نیا رجحان چل نکلا ہے مختلف ناشر کتاب میلہ کے نام سے کتابیں فروخت کے لئے پیش کرتے ہیں اور لوگ ہزاروں روپے کی خریداری کر کے چلے جاتے ہیں اس سے یہ نہیں سمجھنا چاہئے کہ لاہور کے باسی راتوں رات پڑھاکو ہو گئے ہیں۔ نمائش لگانے والے ایک ناشر کا کہنا ہے کہ لوگوں میں اپنی ذاتی لائبریریاں بنانے کا شوق پیدا ہوا ہے اور وہ اپنے گھروں میں ذاتی لائبریریاں بنانے لگے ہیں۔ ان دنوں فیروز سنز والوں نے کتابوں کی کلیرنس سیل لگائی ہوئی ہے اور اگر کوئی مال روڈ پر ان کے سب سے بڑے شوروم میں داخل ہونے کی کوشش کرے تو شاید اسے کامیابی نہ ہو کیونکہ اندر کھوے سے کھوا چھلتا ہے۔



بے نظیر کا بیٹا، ہفتۂ خوش اخلاقی اور داتا دربار کی دیگیں

لاہور کے باسی راتوں رات پڑھاکو ہو گئے ہیں، پاکستان میں بھارتی کتابوں کی بڑے پیمانے پر فروخت

چھاؤنی پولیس نے جون شپ کے ایک مکان پر چھاپہ کے دوران لاکھوں روپے مالیت کا اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا اس اسلحہ میں چار کلاشنکوف رائفلیں، پانچ دستی بم، تین پستول اور دو قرابین کے علاوہ چار ہزار گولیاں شامل ہیں، چھاپہ کے دوران اس مکان سے چار وائرلیس سیٹ بھی برآمد ہوئے۔ اس ساری خبر کا اہم حصہ یہ ہے کہ اسلحہ کا مالک یا دوسرے لفظوں میں تاجر ایک طالب علم سیفی ہے جسے چھاپہ کے وقت گرفتار کیا گیا وہ ایک مقامی کالج کا طالب علم بیان کیا گیا ہے۔

نہیں لیکن سیاسی پنڈتوں کا کہنا ہے کہ وہ قومی اسمبلی کی کسی نشست کے لئے ضرور انتخاب لڑیں گی، آگے آگے دیکھئے ہوتا ہے کیا۔

خوش اخلاقی

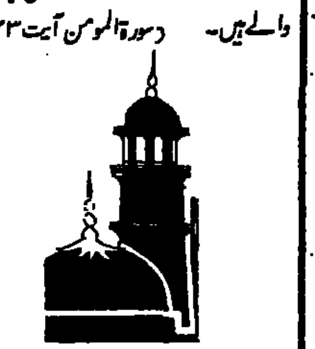
نیشنل بینک آف پاکستان کی تمام شاخوں نے سترہ سے بائیس ستمبر تک ہفتہ خوش اخلاقی منایا، پاکستان کے سبھی سرکاری، نیم سرکاری اور خود مختار اداروں کے ملازمین وقتاً فوقتاً اس قسم کے ہفتوں کا اہتمام کرتے ہیں اور سارا سال عوام...

مسیحا

امسال وفاقی پبلک سروس کمیشن کے امتحان میں پہلی تین پوزیشنیں ایم بی بی ایس ڈاکٹروں نے حاصل کی ہیں اور اب ان کا تقرر مرکزی حکومت کے اعلیٰ افسروں کی حیثیت سے ہوگا۔ اگر اخبارات کے پرانے فائل کا جائزہ لیا جائے تو معلوم ہو گا کہ جب ان امیدواروں نے ایف ایس سی کے امتحان میں اچھے نمبر حاصل کئے تھے تو انٹرویوز کے دوران اخبار نویسوں سے یہ ضرور کہا ہو گا کہ وہ ڈاکٹر بن کر دکھی انسانیت کی خدمت کریں گے مگر اب ڈاکٹر بن کر انہوں نے دکھی انسانیت کی خدمت کرنے کے بجائے اعلیٰ سرکاری افسر بننے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔

اللہ کے نام سے جو بے انتہا مہربان اور رحم فرمانے والا ہے

نہیں حق یہ ہے اور اس کے خلاف نہیں ہو سکتا کہ جن کی طرف تم مجھے بلا رہے ہو ان کے لئے نہ دنیا میں کوئی دعوت ہے نہ آخرت میں، اور ہم سب کو پلٹنا اللہ ہی کی طرف ہے، اور حد سے گزرنے والے آگ میں جانے والے ہیں۔ (سورۃ المومن آیت ۴۳)



تمام کیمیائی ہتھیار تباہ کر دیئے جائیں، صدر متراں کی اپیل

تخفیف اسلحہ معاہدہ پر دستخط کرنے والے ممالک کا اجلاس بلایا جائے، جنرل اسمبلی سے خطاب

اقوام متحدہ - ۳۰ ستمبر (اپ) فرانس کے صدر فرانسواں متراں نے تمام کیمیائی ہتھیاروں کو تباہ کرنے کی اپیل کرتے ہوئے روایتی اسلحہ میں تخفیف کے مذاکرات کو تیز تر کرنے پر زور دیا۔ تخفیف اسلحہ کے شعبہ میں امریکہ اور سوویت یونین کی کامیابیوں کی تعریف کرتے ہوئے متراں نے گزشتہ روز جنرل اسمبلی سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ وہ روایتی اسلحہ خانوں میں تخفیف کو بھی نہایت اہمیت کا حامل خیال کرتے ہیں جن کے یورپ میں انبار لگے ہوئے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ روایتی اسلحہ میں تخفیف کا مقصد واضح ہے کہ ہر کسی کو اپنے دفاع کے اہل ہونا چاہئے جو اس کا حق ہے کسی دوسرے کے لئے خطرہ بنے بغیر۔ انہوں نے اپنے خطاب میں جو تجاویز پیش کیں ان میں سرفہرست یہ تھی کہ اس امر کو یقینی بنایا جائے کہ اس علاقہ میں جہاں مشرق و مغرب ایک دوسرے کے مقابل...

مصنوعات ٹیکنالوجی اور خرید چیزیں بالعموم اسلحہ وغیرہ کسی بھی ملک کو فراہمی پر کامل پابندی لگانے کے لئے تیار ہے۔

سیول ۳۰ ستمبر (رائٹر) اولمپکس کے چودھویں روز تمغوں کی تفصیل حسب ذیل رہی۔

	طلائی	چاندی	کانسی
سوویت یونین	۴۴	۳۴	۳۲
مشرقی جرمنی	۳۳	۲۹	۲۴
امریکہ	۲۷	۲۲	۲۴
مغربی جرمنی	۱۰	۱۲	۱۰
ہنگری	۱۰	۵	۵
بلغاریہ	۹	۱۱	۱۰
رومانیہ	۶	۱۰	۶
جنوبی کوریا	۶	۶	۸
برطانیہ	۴	۸	۸
اٹلی	۴	۴	۴
فرانس	۵	۳	۵
چین	۴	۱۰	۱۰
آسٹریلیا	۳	۴	۴
جاپان	۳	۳	۶
چیکوسلواکیہ	۳	۳	۰
نیوزی لینڈ	۳	۱	۸
پولینڈ	۲	۵	۴
یوگوسلاویہ	۲	۴	۳
ناروے	۲	۳	۰
ہالینڈ	۲	۲	۳
کینیا	۲	۱	۱
ڈنمارک	۲	۱	۱
کینیڈا	۱	۱	۵
فن لینڈ	۱	۱	۲
مراکش	۱	۰	۱
اسپین	۱	۰	۲
آسٹریا	۱	۰	۰
پرتگال	۱	۰	۰
ترکی	۱	۰	۰
سویڈن	۰	۳	۴
یونان	۰	۰	۱
پاکستان	۰	۰	۱
فلپائن	۰	۰	۱
تھائی لینڈ	۰	۰	۱

ہاکی اور سیاست

...جمہوریت کے فقدان کا نتیجہ ہے تحیاب علی خاں نے اس کی وجہ کھیل میں سیاست اور ذاتی پسند کے عفریت کو قرار دیا جبکہ معراج محمد خان نے ہاکی کی عبرتناک شکست کو اجتماعی احساس محرومی کا منطقی نتیجہ قرار دیا۔

مغربی جرمنی نے فٹبال میں کانسی کا تمغہ حاصل کر لیا

سیول - ۳۰ ستمبر (اپ) مغربی جرمنی نے آج یہاں اٹلی کو صفر کے مقابلہ میں تین گول سے ہرا کر تیسری پوزیشن کا کانسی کا تمغہ حاصل کر لیا۔ اولمپک فٹبال مقابلوں میں مغربی جرمنی کو پہلی مرتبہ تمغہ حاصل ہوا ہے مغربی جرمنی اٹلی پر شروع سے ہی حاوی رہا دو گول کھیل کے ابتدائی سولہ منٹ میں ہوئے۔ جبکہ تیسرا گول کھیل کے دوسرے وقفہ میں ہوا۔ کل برازیل اور روس کے درمیان طلائی تمغہ کے لئے فائنل مقابلہ ہوگا۔

جاپانی شہنشاہ سو نہ سکے

ٹوکیو - ۳۰ ستمبر (رائٹر) جاپان کے معمر اور علیل شہنشاہ کی بگڑتی ہوئی حالت کو سنبھالنے کے لئے ڈاکٹروں نے...

یاسر عرفات کا دورہ چین

بیجنگ - ۳۰ ستمبر (رائٹر) ایک فلسطینی سفارت کار کے بیان کے مطابق فلسطینی رہنما یاسر عرفات جلد ہی چینی رہنماؤں سے بات چیت کے لئے چین پہنچیں گے اس سے قبل انہوں نے ۱۹۸۵ء میں چین کا دورہ کیا تھا عرفات چینی رہنماؤں سے اردن کے مغربی کنارے سے دست کش ہونے کے بعد مشرق وسطی کی صورت حال پر تبادلہ خیال کریں گے چین فلسطینی کاز کی مکمل حمایت کرتا ہے اس کے اسرائیل سے سفارتی تعلقات بھی نہیں ہیں اس کے باوجود منگل کے روز چینی و اسرائیلی وزرائے خارجہ نے اقوام متحدہ میں ملاقات کی۔

خلائی مرکز پروگرام کا قیام

بقیہ: امریکی یرغمالی

بقیہ: اعلیٰ حضرت امیر

خطاب کیا۔ اسی شام اقوام متحدہ کے سیکرٹری جنرل پیریز ڈی کوئیلار نے اعلیٰ حضرت کے اعزاز میں عشائیہ دیا۔ جنرل اسمبلی سے خطاب سے قبل اعلیٰ حضرت امیر نے سیکرٹری جنرل سے مختصر ملاقات کی اسی شام کویتی مشن میں منعقد ایک تقریب میں سیکرٹری جنرل اور عرب و اسلامی ممالک کے تمام وزرائے خارجہ کے علاوہ فلسطینی تنظیم کے شعبہ سیاست کے سربراہ فاروق قدومی، خلیج تعاون کونسل کے سیکرٹری جنرل عبداللہ بشارہ اور یورپی اقتصادی کمیونٹی...

بقیہ: سوویت قیادت

بقیہ: اسرائیلی وزیر خارجہ

بقیہ: سپریم کورٹ

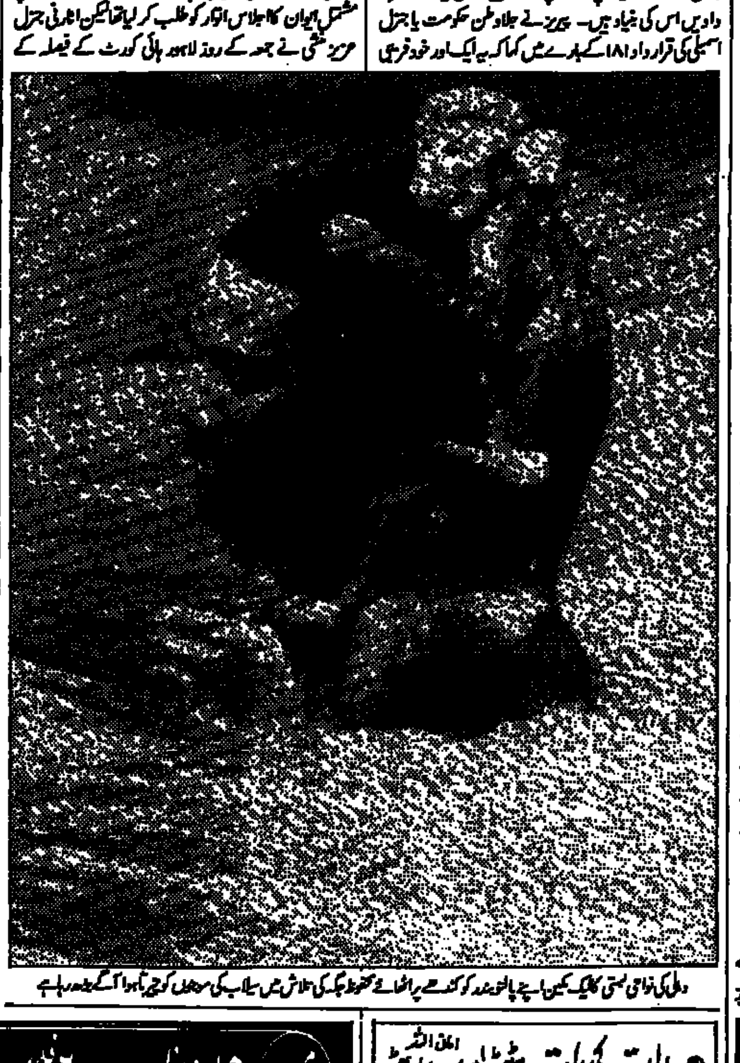
بقیہ: سیلاب

بقیہ: سوویت دھمکی

بقیہ: پاکستانی ترجمان

بقیہ: سلامتی کونسل

بقیہ: کویتی تجویز



حدیث نبوی

حق و ناحق

کرنسی کے نرخ

...۱۹۹۵ء ...... انڈونیشیا میں بغاوت ہوئی۔

۱۹۷۰ء ...... متحدہ عرب جمہوریہ میں جمال عبدالناصر کے بعد نائب صدر انور سادات صدر بن گئے۔

۱۹۷۲ء ...... چین کی ۲۳ویں سالگرہ پر حکومت نے اعلان کیا کہ امریکہ کے ساتھ دوستانہ تعلقات کا دروازہ کھلا ہے۔

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کویتی دینار کے مقابلے میں غیر ملکی کرنسیوں کی قیمت حسب ذیل رہی۔

پاکستانی روپے	(فی ہزار)	۱۵ - ۷۶۸
بھارتی روپے	(فی ہزار)	۱۹ - ۸۰۴
سری لنکا روپے	(فی ہزار)	۸ - ۷۴۹
فلپائنی پیسو	(فی ہزار)	۱۳ - ۴۶۴
امریکی ڈالر	(فی ہزار)	۲۸۹ - ۱۲۰
برطانوی پاؤنڈ	(فی ہزار)	۴۸۶ - ۹۴۰
بحرینی دینار	(فی ہزار)	۷۶۸ - ۲۴۶
امارات درہم	(فی ہزار)	۷۸ - ۶۸۷
سعودی ریال	(فی ہزار)	۷۷ - ۱۳۲
قطری ریال	(فی ہزار)	۷۹ - ۳۵۷
عمانی ریال	(فی ہزار)	۷۵۱ - ۲۴۳

ریڈیو پروگرام

۷۔۰۰ افتتاحی اعلان ۷۔۰۱ تلاوت قرآن کریم...

آپ کے ستارے

برج جدی (۲۰ دسمبر تا ۱۹ جنوری)

آپ کو اپنی شریک حیات کے ساتھ خوشگوار تعلقات برقرار رکھنے کے لئے خاصی تگ و دو کرنا ہو گی۔ اپنی چھٹی حس یا جبلت پر بہت زیادہ انحصار نہ کریں۔ جہاں آپ کی شخصیت کی کشش اور ترغیبی صلاحیتیں کام نہ کر سکیں وہاں طاقت کا استعمال غلط ہو گا۔

برج ثور (۱۹ اپریل تا ۱۹ مئی)

آج خوش قسمتی آپ کے ساتھ ہو گی لیکن اسے اپنے دماغ میں نہ سمانے دیں۔ کسی فیصلے پر پہنچنے سے قبل اچھی طرح غور کر لیں۔ اپنی چھٹی حس پر زیادہ بھروسہ نہ کریں۔ ہوشیاری سے کام لیں۔

برج سنبلہ (۲۲ اگست تا ۲۱ ستمبر)

آپ کے پاس اپنی مرضی کے مطابق ہر کام کرنے کا وقت اور توانائی نہیں ہوں گے اس لئے سب سے پہلے صرف وہ کام انجام دیں جو بے حد ضروری ہے۔ کسی اشتعال انگیز شخصیت سے ملتے ہوئے بھی پرسکون اور خاموش رہنے کی کوشش کریں۔

برج دلو (۲۰ جنوری تا ۱۸ فروری)

آپ ایک اچھے موقع سے بخوبی فائدہ اٹھا سکیں گے۔ ضروری امور پر توجہ دیں اور ثانوی امور کو بعد کے لئے ملتوی کر دیں کسی معاہدے پر دستخط کرنے سے قبل اس کی دفعات کو اچھی طرح پڑھ لیں۔ واقعیت پسندی سے کام لیں۔

برج جوزا (۲۰ مئی تا ۲۰ جون)

آج آپ بہتری کے لئے کچھ تبدیلیاں کر سکیں گے۔ بعض امور جنہیں آپ نظر انداز کرتے آ رہے ہیں اب کرنا ضروری ہیں آپ کو اپنے اس دوست سے رابطہ قائم کرنا چاہئے جس نے گھر بدل لیا ہے۔ ہوشیاری سے کام کریں۔

برج میزان (۲۲ ستمبر تا ۲۲ اکتوبر)

امکانات بہت اچھے ہیں لیکن ہر وہ بات جو آپ چاہتے ہیں نہیں ہو گی۔ گاڑی چلاتے ہوئے احتیاط سے کام لیں آپ کے ذاتی معاملات بہتر ہو رہے ہیں۔ اعتدال سے کام لیں۔

برج حوت (۱۹ فروری تا ۱۹ مارچ)

آج آپ کو اختلاف اور کھچاؤ کا سامنا ہو گا لیکن آپ خیر خواہی کا کچھ مظاہرہ کریں تو آسان ہے...

برج سرطان (۲۱ جون تا ۲۱ جولائی)

مستعدی سے کام لیں لیکن بہت زیادہ جلد بازی سے نہیں۔ آج آپ بہت سے کام انجام دے سکتے ہیں۔ فضول خرچی سے اجتناب برتنے کی کوشش کریں...

برج عقرب (۲۳ اکتوبر تا ۲۱ نومبر)

آج آپ کسی قدر کھچاؤ کا شکار رہیں گے اس لئے کوشش کر کے زیادہ سے زیادہ آرام کریں۔ کھانے پینے میں احتیاط سے کام لیں...

برج حمل (۲۰ مارچ تا ۱۸ اپریل)

برج اسد (۲۲ جولائی تا ۲۱ اگست)

برج قوس (۲۲ نومبر تا ۲۱ دسمبر)

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ماسکو میں کمیونسٹ پارٹی کی مرکزی کمیٹی کے ہنگامی اجلاس کے فیصلے، گورباچوف کی پوزیشن مضبوط ہوگئی، متعدد نئے عہدیداروں کو پولٹ بیورو کا رکن بنا دیا گیا، نظر یاتی کمیشن کے نئے سربراہ کا تقرر

سوویت قیادت میں ڈرامائی تبدیلیاں گرومیکو سبکدوش کر دیئے گئے

کے جی بی کے سربراہ اور کرملن میں نمبر دو کو ہٹا دیا گیا

مرکزی کمیٹی کے سیکرٹری سمیت چار اہم عہدیداروں کو ریٹائر کرنے کا فیصلہ

ماسکو ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (رائٹر/اپ) سوویت قیادت میں اعلیٰ سطح پر ڈرامائی ردوبدل کے نتیجے میں سوویت صدر آندرے گرومیکو اور دیگر چار اہم عہدیداروں کو کریملن قیادت سے سبکدوش کر دیا گیا ہے۔ اس بات کا انکشاف ایک سرکاری ترجمان نے کیا۔ سوویت کمیونسٹ پارٹی کی مرکزی کمیٹی کے ایک اہم اجلاس میں کریملن قیادت کے نمبر دو لیڈر یگور لیگاچوف اور کے جی بی کے سربراہ وکٹر چیبر یکوف کو اہم عہدوں سے ہٹا کر نئے عہدوں پر فائز کر دیا گیا ہے۔ مرکزی کمیٹی کے ترجمان نے ایک اخباری کانفرنس میں بتایا کہ گرومیکو کے علاوہ میخائل سالومینتیف، پائٹر ڈیمیچوف، ولادیمر دالیگخ اور اناتولے ڈابرینن کو ریٹائر کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے۔ ان میں سے گرومیکو اور سالومینتیف پولٹ بیورو کے رکن تھے جبکہ دالیگخ اور ڈیمیچوف بیورو کے امیدوار تھے جبکہ ڈابرینن مرکزی کمیٹی کے سیکرٹری تھے۔ ان ڈرامائی تبدیلیوں اور ترقیوں و تنزلیوں کو کریملن کے سربراہ میخائل گورباچوف کی پوزیشن اور اصلاحات کی پالیسی کے لئے اہم قدم قرار دیا جا رہا ہے۔ مرکزی کمیٹی کے ترجمان وادیم میڈویڈیف کو پولٹ بیورو کا رکن بنا دیا گیا ہے جبکہ لیگاچوف کو

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جنیوا معاہدہ کی خلاف ورزیوں پر سنگین نتائج کی سوویت دھمکی

سیکرٹری جنرل مجرین سے رپورٹ طلب کر کے سلامتی کونسل کو آگاہ کریں' شیوارڈنازے

اقوام متحدہ ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (کونا) سوویت یونین کے وزیر خارجہ ایڈورڈ شیوارڈنازے نے دھمکی دی ہے کہ افغانستان پر جنیوا معاہدے کی مسلسل خلاف ورزیوں کے سنگین نتائج برآمد ہوسکتے ہیں سوویت ترجمان گینیدی گیراسیموف کے مطابق یہ دھمکی بدھ کی شب سلامتی کونسل کے پانچ مستقل رکن ممالک کے وزرائے خارجہ کے اجلاس میں دی گئی تاہم اجلاس کے بعد جاری شدہ اعلامیہ میں اسی دھمکی کا کوئی تذکرہ شامل نہیں تھا ترجمان گیراسیموف نے اس سوال کا جواب دینے سے پہلو تہی کی کہ آیا مبینہ خلاف ورزیوں کا نتیجہ معاہدے کے ٹوٹنے کی صورت بھی نکل سکتا ہے جس پر پچھلے اپریل میں جنیوا میں دستخط ہوئے تھے شیوارڈنازے نے جو بدھ کی شام کے اجلاس کے بعد اقوام متحدہ کا دورہ مختصر کر کے ماسکو واپس لوٹ گئے معاہدہ پر اقوام متحدہ کے کنٹرول کے نظام پر بھی اپنی حکومت کے عدم اطمینان کا اظہار کیا انہوں نے کہا کہ اس سوال میں وسیع ترچیدگیاں مضمر ہیں اگر ہم تجربہ کے طور افغانستان کے مسئلہ پر کنٹرول کا مستعد نظام پیدا نہ کر سکے تو ہمیں دوسرے تنازعات میں بھی اس قسم کے نظام کے پیدا کرنے میں مشکل کا سامنا کرنا پڑے گا گیراسیموف کے مطابق سوویت وزیر خارجہ نے اجلاس میں مشورہ دیا کہ

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اسلامی ممالک نے قرضوں کے مسئلہ پر کویتی تجویز کی مکمل حمایت کر دی

وزرائے خارجہ کے اجلاس میں افغانستان پر نئی قرارداد سے اتفاق

برطانوی وزیر خارجہ کی طرف سے اعلیٰ حضرت امیر کویت کے موقف کی تعریف

اقوام متحدہ ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (کونا) اسلامی ممالک کے وزرائے خارجہ نے گزشتہ رات متفقہ طور پر اس اعلامیہ کی منظوری دیدی جس میں شمال اور جنوب کے درمیان تعاون کیلئے کویت کی تجویز اور افغانستان پر نئی قرارداد کی زبردست حمایت کی گئی ہے۔ اعلامیہ جمعرات کو جاری کیا جانے والا تھا لیکن بعض فنی وجوہ کی بناء پر اس میں تاخیر ہوگئی اور اب جبکہ دیر کے اس کی اشاعت متوقع تھی۔ دوسری طرف برطانیہ نے بھی اعلیٰ حضرت امیر کویت کے اس موقف سے اتفاق ظاہر کیا ہے کہ ترقی پذیر ممالک کے قرضے انتہائی سنگین نوعیت کے مسائل میں شامل ہیں جن کا فوری حل کیا جانا چاہئے۔ اسلامی ممالک کے وزرائے خارجہ کے اجلاس میں کویت کے نائب وزیر اعظم و وزیر خارجہ شیخ صباح الاحمد الصباح بھی موجود تھے جبکہ اجلاس کی صدارت اردنی وزیر خارجہ طاہر المصری نے کی۔ اعلیٰ حضرت امیر کویت شیخ جابر الاحمد الصباح نے بدھ کے روز جنرل اسمبلی میں امیر اور غریب ممالک کے درمیان وسیع ہوتی ہوئی خلیج کو پاٹنے کیلئے منصوبہ عمل تجویز کیا تھا۔ برطانوی وزیر خارجہ سرجیوفری ہاؤ نے ایک پریس کانفرنس میں کویت کے اس

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شاہ نیپال اور صدر غلام اسحاق خان میں سارک کے معاملات پر مذاکرات

اسلام آباد ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (کونا) نیپال کے شاہ بریندرا اور صدر پاکستان غلام اسحاق خان نے آج یہاں جنوب ایشیائی علاقائی تعاون کی تنظیم (سارک) پر بات چیت کی شاہ نیپال نے یہ دورہ سارک کے موجودہ چیئرمین کی حیثیت سے کیا ہے پاکستانی ترجمان نے بتایا کہ دونوں رہنماؤں نے دسمبر میں اسلام آباد میں پاکستان کی جانب سے تنظیم کی میزبانی کے انتظامات پر تبادلہ خیال کیا شاہ بریندرا نے مرحوم صدر ضیاء الحق کے احترام میں ائرپورٹ پر اپنی آمد اور روانگی کے وقت رسمی تقریبات کو منسوخ کرنے کی درخواست کی تھی۔

پاکستان سپریم کورٹ نے کالعدم اسمبلی کا اجلاس بلانے پر پابندی عائد کر دی

سابق قومی اسمبلی کے اسپیکر حامد ناصر چٹھہ کی طرف سے کالعدم اسمبلی کا اجلاس طلب کرنے کے بعد حکومت کی اپیل پر عدالت عظمیٰ کی کارروائی

اپیل کی مکمل سماعت تک لاہور ہائیکورٹ کا فیصلہ معطل کر دیا گیا

اسپیکر نے ۲۳۷ ارکان پر مشتمل ایوان کا اجلاس اتوار کو طلب کر لیا تھا

اسلام آباد ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (رائٹر) پاکستان کی عدالت عظمیٰ نے کالعدم قومی اسمبلی کا اجلاس دوبارہ بلانے کی کسی بھی کوشش پر جو مرحوم صدر ضیاء الحق نے توڑ دی تھی پابندی عائد کر دی ہے سرکاری خبر رساں ایجنسی اے پی پی نے کہا کہ سپریم کورٹ نے ایک عبوری حکم جاری کیا ہے جس میں اسپیکر حامد ناصر چٹھہ یا کسی بھی دوسرے رکن قومی اسمبلی کو ممانعت کر دی گئی ہے کہ وہ پارلیمنٹ کے ایوان زیریں کا اجلاس بلانے کی کوشش نہ کریں صدر ضیاء الحق مرحوم نے ۲۹ مئی کو یہ کہتے ہوئے وزیر اعظم محمد خان جونیجو کی حکومت برطرف اور قومی اسمبلی توڑ دی تھی کہ حکومت لاقانونیت پر قابو پانے میں ناکام رہی ہے منگل کے روز لاہور ہائی کورٹ کے پانچ ججوں پر مشتمل ایک بنچ نے صدر ضیاء کے اسمبلیاں توڑنے کے اقدام کو غیر قانونی قرار دیدیا تھا تاہم اپنے فیصلے میں کہا تھا کہ پروگرام کے

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عالمی بینک اور مالیاتی فنڈ کی پاکستان کو قرضوں کی یقین دہانی

اسلام آباد ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (رائٹر) پاکستان کے وزیر خزانہ محبوب الحق نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان کو ادائیگیوں کا توازن درست رکھنے کے لئے بین الاقوامی مالیاتی فنڈ سے ایک بلین ڈالر کا قرضہ ملنے کی امید ہے انہوں نے سرکاری خبر رساں ایجنسی کو بتایا کہ قرضے کے اس معاہدے پر اگلے ماہ تک دستخط ہو جائیں گے اور اس سلسلہ میں آئی ایم ایف کا ایک مشن اگلے ماہ کے وسط میں پاکستان کا دورہ کرے گا انہوں نے بتایا کہ عالمی بینک نے بھی پاکستان کی امداد میں اضافہ کرنے کی یقین دہانی کرائی ہے پاکستان کو ۸۰۰ ملین ڈالر ملیں گے جبکہ یہ امداد گزشتہ سال ۷۴۱ ملین ڈالر تھی۔

یرغمالیوں کی رہائی پر امریکی اور ایرانی حکام میں خفیہ معاہدہ کا انکشاف

یرغمالی اگلے ماہ تک رہا کر دیئے جائیں گے۔ امریکہ نے اسرائیلی خبر کی تردید کر دی

القدس ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (اپ) ایک اسرائیلی اخبار نے انکشاف کیا ہے کہ آٹھ امریکی اور ایک برطانوی یرغمالی جو کہ لبنان میں قید ہیں امریکہ اور ایران کے درمیان ہونے والے خفیہ مذاکرات کے نتیجے میں اگلے ماہ رہا کر دیئے جائیں گے انگریزی کے جریدے دی نیشن نے جنیوا سے موصولہ رپورٹ کے حوالے سے بتایا ہے کہ اس مجوزہ معاہدہ کے تحت امریکہ ایران کو اقتصادی امداد دے گا امریکی بینکوں میں کروڑوں ڈالر کے منجمد ایرانی اثاثے بتدریج واگزار کر دیئے جائیں گے اور امریکہ ایران سفارتی تعلقات بحال ہو جائیں گے مگر امریکی دفتر خارجہ نے اسرائیلی اخبار کی اس خبر کی تردید کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ اس ضمن میں کوئی مذاکرات نہیں ہوئے ہیں دفتر خارجہ کی ترجمان فانلیس اوکلے نے کہا یہ خبر درست نہیں ہے بلکہ بالکل جھوٹی ہے مگر اسرائیلی اخبار کا کہنا ہے کہ جنیوا میں امریکی اور ایرانی حکام کے درمیان خفیہ مذاکرات پیر کے روز سے جاری ہیں ایرانی حکام نے امریکی حکام کو بتایا ہے کہ ایران نواز اغواء کنندگان نے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ انہیں بطور تاوان تین

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اعلیٰ حضرت امیر نیویارک سے اسپین روانہ ہوگئے

جنرل اسمبلی سے خطاب کے بعد امیر کویت کی متعدد عالمی رہنماؤں سے ملاقاتیں

نیویارک ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (کونا) اعلیٰ حضرت امیر کویت شیخ جابر الاحمد الصباح یہاں ایک ہفتہ قیام کے بعد کل ایک روزہ نجی دورہ پر اسپین کے لئے روانہ ہو گئے اعلیٰ حضرت اقوام متحدہ کی جنرل اسمبلی کے افتتاحی اجلاس میں شرکت کے لئے گزشتہ جمعہ کو یہاں پہنچے تھے۔ قیام کے دوران آپ نے جنرل اسمبلی سے خطاب کیا تھا اور صدر ریگن سے ملاقات کی۔ ہفتہ کے روز اعلیٰ حضرت نے امریکی یونیورسٹیوں میں زیر تعلیم کویتی طلباء کو شرف باریابی بخشا۔ پیر کے روز صدر ریگن سے ملاقات کے علاوہ آپ نے نیویارک کے پہلے اسلامی ثقافتی مرکز کا سنگ بنیاد رکھا منگل کے روز انہوں نے ۴۴ رکنی اسلامی کانفرنس کے وزرائے خارجہ سے

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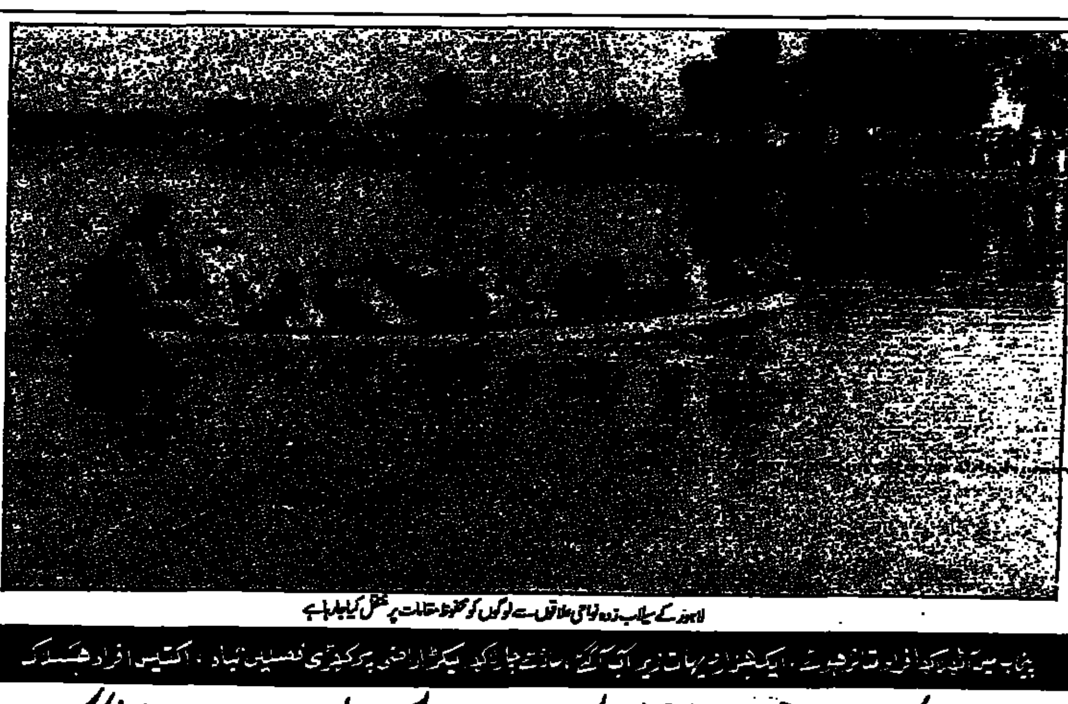
برطانیہ اور ایران میں سفارتی تعلقات بحال کرنے پر اتفاق

اقوام متحدہ میں برطانوی وزیر خارجہ کی ایرانی وزیر خارجہ سے بات چیت

اقوام متحدہ ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (اپ) برطانوی وزیر خارجہ جیفری ہو نے آج یہاں کہا کہ ان کی حکومت ایران سے "مکمل سفارتی تعلقات" قائم کرے گی اس ضمن میں تمام تفصیلات طے کی جاری ہیں۔ ایرانی وزیر خارجہ علی اکبر ولایتی سے ملاقات کے بعد اخباری نمائندوں کو انہوں نے بتایا کہ ایک سال قبل جو تعلقات ٹوٹ گئے تھے انہیں وقت آنے پر جوڑ لیا جائے گا' ایرانی وزیر خارجہ علی اکبر ولایتی جو اسی دوران برطانوی وزیر خارجہ سے ملاقات کے تھوڑی دیر بعد باہر آئے تھے اس طرح کے خیالات کا اظہار نہیں کیا جیسا کہ برطانوی وزیر خارجہ نے کیا تھا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہم نے باہمی نوعیت کے امور پر گفتگو کی۔ باقی تفصیلات جنیوا میں طے کی جائے گی۔ ایرانی رہنماؤں کی طرف سے مغربی ممالک سے بہتر تعلقات کے قیام کے اشارے دیئے گئے ہیں البتہ امریکہ کے سلسلے میں اتنی گرم جوشی نہیں دکھائی گئی۔



لاہور کے سیلاب زدہ نواحی علاقوں سے لوگوں کو محفوظ مقامات پر منتقل کیا جا رہا ہے

سری لنکا کی اپوزیشن جماعتوں نے بندرانائیکے کو متفقہ صدارتی امیدوار نامزد کر دیا

کولمبو ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (کونا) سری لنکا کی آٹھ اپوزیشن سیاسی جماعتوں نے سابق وزیر اعظم مسز سری ماؤ بندرانائیکے کو دسمبر کے صدارتی انتخابات میں متفقہ طور پر امیدوار نامزد کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے حکمران پارٹی پہلے ہی وزیر اعظم راناسنگھے پریماداسا کو اپنا امیدوار نامزد کر چکی ہے کیوں کہ صدر جے آر جے وردھنے تیسری بار الیکشن میں حصہ لینے سے انکار کر چکے ہیں سری لنکا فریڈم پارٹی کے ایک بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ پارٹی کی صدر مسز بندرانائیکے کو تمام اہم اپوزیشن جماعتوں نے متفقہ طور پر صدارتی امیدوار نامزد کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ مسز بندرانائیکے پانچ نکاتی پروگرام کے تحت اپنی انتخابی مہم کا آغاز کریں گی دریں اثناء الیکشن حکام نے اعلان کیا ہے کہ گزشتہ روز کے شمالی علاقوں کے ضمنی انتخابات میں بہت کم لوگوں نے حصہ لیا جبکہ اپوزیشن نے انتخابات کا بائیکاٹ کیا اور ووٹنگ میں حصہ لینے والے عوام کو دھمکیاں دی تھیں۔

پنجاب میں آٹھ لاکھ افراد متاثر ہوئے۔ ایک ہزار دیہات زیر آب آگئے، ساڑھے چار لاکھ ایکڑ اراضی پر کھڑی فصلیں تباہ، اکتیس افراد ہلاک

دریاؤں کی طغیانی میں اضافہ، سیلاب جنوبی پنجاب کی طرف بڑھ گیا

متاثرہ علاقوں میں ہیلی کاپٹروں سے خوراک پہنچائی جا رہی ہے

بھارت اور بنگلہ دیش میں سیلاب پر قابو پانے کی کوششوں پر اتفاق رائے

لاہور ۳۰ ستمبر (اپ) سرکاری حکام نے انکشاف کیا ہے کہ راوی اور چناب میں طغیانی اور سیلاب سے پنجاب بھر میں آٹھ لاکھ افراد متاثر ہوئے ہیں اور سیلاب کا زور شمالی علاقوں میں کم ہو کر جنوبی پنجاب کی طرف بڑھ رہا ہے جہاں پانی کا اخراج خطرے کے نشان کے اوپر ہے اور لوگوں کو نکالنے اور صورت حال سے نمٹنے کیلئے تیار کر دیا گیا ہے۔ راوی اور چناب میں پانی کی سطح مسلسل بلند ہو رہی ہے جبکہ ستلج میں شدید طغیانی کے باعث ہزاروں دیہات خطرے میں ہیں۔ فوجی ہیلی کاپٹر متاثرہ علاقوں میں لوگوں کو خوراک مہیا کر رہے ہیں اور گھرے ہوئے لوگوں کو محفوظ مقامات پر پہنچایا جا رہا ہے۔ اب تک سیلاب میں ڈوبنے اور سانپ ڈسنے سے ۳۱ افراد ہلاک ہو چکے ہیں۔ شمالی پنجاب اور کشمیر میں شدید بارشوں کے باعث دریا کناروں سے بہہ نکلے ہیں جبکہ ستلج میں طغیانی زوروں پر ہے۔ وسطی پنجاب میں لاکھوں لوگ بے گھر ہو گئے ہیں اور فوجی دستے دن رات لوگوں کو نکالنے اور خوراک پہنچانے میں مصروف ہیں۔ وبائی امراض کے خطرہ کے پیش نظر ہزاروں لوگوں کو ہیضہ، ٹائیفائیڈ اور سانپ کے ڈسنے کے ٹیکے لگائے جا رہے ہیں۔ طبی ٹیمیں اور ادویات متاثرہ علاقوں میں بھیجی جا رہی ہیں۔ سرکاری حکام نے بتایا کہ سیلاب سے ساڑھے چار لاکھ ایکڑ اراضی پر کھڑی فصلیں تباہ اور ایک ہزار گاؤں متاثر ہوئے ہیں اور ۱۴ ہزار مکانات تباہ

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یہ روس کا داخلی معاملہ ہے۔ ریگن

واشنگٹن ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (اپ) امریکہ کے صدر ریگن نے سوویت قیادت میں ہونے والی تبدیلیوں پر تبصرہ کرنے سے انکار کر دیا ہے جب ان سے اس بارے میں استفسار کیا گیا تو انہوں نے کہا کہ میں اس پر تبصرہ نہیں کروں گا کیوں کہ یہ سوویت یونین کا داخلی معاملہ ہے صدر ریگن ایک انتخابی تقریر کے سلسلہ میں شکاگو روانہ ہو رہے تھے کہ ماسکو سے اہم تبدیلیوں کی خبر نشر کی گئی۔

سلامتی کونسل کے مستقل رکن ممالک کے وزرائے خارجہ کا اہم اجلاس

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اقوام متحدہ ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (کونا) اقوام متحدہ کی سلامتی کونسل کے پانچ مستقل رکن ممالک کے وزرائے خارجہ نے گزشتہ شام سیکرٹری جنرل جاویر پیریز ڈی کوئیلار کے ساتھ ایک اجلاس میں وسیع النوع بین الاقوامی مسائل پر تبادلہ خیال کیا جس میں عراق ایران تنازعہ کو مرکزی حیثیت رہی وزراء نے بیس اگست کی فائر بندی اور اقوام متحدہ کے تحت عراق اور ایران کے درمیان مذاکرات کے آغاز کی تعریف کی اور مسٹر ڈی کوئیلار نے اجلاس میں اپنی ان کوششوں کی تفصیل بیان کی جو وہ فائر بندی کو تمام پہلوؤں سے مستحکم کرنے کی غرض سے انجام دے رہے ہیں تاکہ قرارداد ۵۹۸ کے مطابق تصفیہ عمل میں آسکے وزراء نے سیکرٹری جنرل کی مساعی کی مکمل حمایت کا اعادہ کیا اور اس عہد کا بھی کہ قرارداد پر پوری طرح عملدرآمد کو یقینی بنانے کے لئے ان کے تعاون سے کام کریں گے سیکرٹری جنرل کے دفتر میں وزراء کا یہ اجلاس ایک گھنٹے سے زائد وقت تک جاری رہا جو سیکرٹریٹ کی عمارت میں ۳۸ ویں منزل پر واقع ہے اجلاس کے شرکاء میں چین کے وزیر خارجہ کیان کیچن فرانس کے رولینڈ ڈمس سوویت یونین کے ایڈورڈ شیوارڈنازے برطانیہ کے سرجیوفری ہاؤ اور امریکہ کے جارج شلز شامل ہیں یہ سب جنرل اسمبلی کے افتتاحی اجلاس میں شرکت کی غرض سے نیویارک میں موجود تھے وزراء نے موجودہ علاقائی تنازعات کے حل کی کوششوں پر خصوصی غور کیا اور اجلاس کے بعد جاری شدہ بیان میں بین الاقوامی سطح پر

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عراقی و ایرانی وزرائے خارجہ کے مذاکرات کا دوسرا دور

اقوام متحدہ ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (کونا) عراقی وزیر خارجہ طارق عزیز کل یہاں پہنچ گئے جہاں وہ خلیجی امن مذاکرات پر ایرانی وزیر خارجہ علی اکبر ولایتی سے ہفتہ کے روز گفتگو کا دوسرا دور شروع کریں گے۔ تاہم یہ نہیں معلوم ہو سکا کہ اقوام متحدہ کے زیر نگرانی شروع ہونے والے یہ مذاکرات یہاں ہوں گے یا جنیوا میں کیونکہ عراق جنیوا میں ہی مذاکرات کے جاری رکھنے پر مصر ہے جبکہ ایران اسے نیویارک میں جاری رکھنے پر زور دے رہا ہے۔

سعودی عرب کے وزیر خارجہ شہزادہ سعود الفیصل (بائیں) اقوام متحدہ کے سیکرٹری جنرل ڈی کوئیلار کے ساتھ بات چیت کر رہے ہیں

تعطل کے باوجود سوویت انخلاء مقررہ وقت پر مکمل ہو جائے گا' پاکستانی ترجمان

ماسکو اور کابل نے پاکستان کے خلاف زبردست پروپیگنڈہ مہم شروع کر رکھی ہے' ہمایوں خاں

اسلام آباد ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (اپ) پاکستان نے توقع ظاہر کی ہے کہ افغانستان سے سوویت فوجوں کے انخلاء میں تعطل کے باوجود پندرہ فروری تک تمام سوویت فوجیں افغانستان سے نکال لی جائیں گی امور خارجہ کے سیکرٹری ہمایوں خاں نے اخبار نویسوں کو بتایا کہ جنیوا معاہدے کی خلاف ورزیاں پاکستان کی جانب سے نہیں بلکہ کابل کی کمیونسٹ حکومت کی جانب سے ہو رہی ہیں پاکستانی ترجمان سوویت وزیر خارجہ ایڈورڈ شیوارڈنازے کے اس بیان پر تبصرہ کر رہے تھے جس میں انہوں نے کہا تھا کہ ماسکو افغانستان سے اپنی فوجوں کے انخلاء کا دوسرا مرحلہ مکمل کرنے سے پہلے انتظار کرو اور دیکھو کی پالیسی اختیار کرے گا انہوں نے کہا تھا کہ ماسکو نے انخلاء میں تعطل پاکستان کی جانب سے مجاہدین کی مسلسل امداد اور امریکی تعاون کی بناء پر کیا ہے سوویت انخلاء کے آغاز سے اب تک افغانستان کی جانب سے پاکستان پر جنیوا معاہدہ کی خلاف ورزی کے مسلسل الزامات لگائے جاتے رہے ہیں جبکہ پاکستان کا کہنا ہے کہ کابل کی فوجوں اور فضائیہ کے حملوں میں ۱۵۱ افراد ہلاک اور ۱۳۰ زخمی ہو چکے ہیں جو پندرہ مئی کے بعد کئے گئے پاکستانی ترجمان نے بتایا کہ اقوام متحدہ کے مبصرین کی ایک جماعت افغان فضائیہ کی بمباری سے ہونے والے نقصانات

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سعودی عرب میں چار تخریب کاروں کو پھانسی دیدی گئی

ایران سے ساز باز کرنے اور الجبیل کے پیٹرو پلانٹ میں دھماکہ کرنے کا جرم ثابت ہو گیا

ریاض ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (رائٹر) چار سعودی عرب باشندوں کا تخریب کاری انتشار پھیلانے اور ایران سے ساز باز کے الزام میں آج صبح سر قلم کر دیا گیا سرکاری خبر رساں ایجنسی نے وزارت داخلہ کے حوالے سے بتایا کہ تخریب کاروں کو دوام میں سزا دی گئی ہے ان لوگوں نے الجبیل میں واقع پٹرو کیمیکل پلانٹ میں دھماکہ کیا تھا تیز اپنے ناپاک عزائم کو بروئے کار لانے کے لئے ایران سے ساز باز کی تھی گزشتہ مارچ کیمیکل پلانٹ میں دھماکے سے آگ لگنے کے بعد اسے بند کر دیا گیا تھا اطلاع میں بتایا گیا ہے کہ سعودی سیکورٹی نے سب سے پہلے محمد بن عبداللہ بن علی القاروس کو گرفتار کیا تھا تین دیگر افراد علی بن عبداللہ بن علی الخاتم' اظہر بن علی الحجاج اور خالد بن عبدالمجید بن حسن العلک مفرور ہو گئے تھے لیکن اگست کے شروع میں شناخت کے دوران انہیں گرفتار کر لیا گیا تھا گرفتاری سے قبل ان افراد نے پولیس سے مقابلہ کیا تھا جس میں ایک محافظ ہلاک ہو گیا تھا پوچھ گچھ کے بعد ان لوگوں نے اپنے جرم کا اعتراف کیا تھا سعودی حکام نے پہلی مرتبہ اعتراف کیا کہ الجبیل کے پٹرو کیمیکل پلانٹ میں آگ اتفاقی حادثہ نہیں تھا بلکہ یہ تخریب کاری ایران نواز سعودی شیعہ مسلمانوں کی حرکت تھی جن کی معمولی تعداد سعودی عرب کے مشرقی صوبہ میں آباد ہے سعودی عرب نے دہشت پسندی اور تخریب کاری رجحانات پر ایران سے گزشتہ اپریل میں سفارتی تعلقات منقطع کر لئے تھے ان تعلقات میں مزید خرابی جولائی ۸۷ء میں پیدا ہو گئی جب ایرانی حجاج نے مقدس شہر مکہ میں سیاسی مظاہرے کئے جس میں چار سو سے زائد حجاج ہلاک ہو گئے تھے۔

یونانی وزیر اعظم اسپتال میں

ایتھنز ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (اپ) یونان کے وزیر اعظم اینڈریس پاپندریو کو آج یہاں مسام قلب کی تبدیلی کے لئے لندن کے ایک اسپتال میں داخل کیا گیا۔ سرکاری ترجمان کے مطابق ۶۹ سالہ وزیر اعظم پر امید اور بہتر حالت میں ہیں۔

مغربی بیروت میں چار دھماکے

بیروت ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (کونا) بتایا گیا ہے کہ گزشتہ شب مغربی بیروت میں چار مختلف جگہوں پر دھماکہ خیز اشیاء کے پھٹنے سے صرف مادی نقصان ہوا۔ اسکول' پیٹرول اسٹیشن' اور ایک رہائشی علاقہ میں معمولی نوعیت کے دھماکے ہوئے جبکہ چوتھا دھماکہ ہفت روزہ الکیفاہ العربی کی عمارت کے قریب ہوا جس سے عمارت اور پانچ کاروں کو شدید نقصان پہنچا۔

چونکہ چنانچہ

بےنظیر بھٹو کے بیٹے کی پیدائش پر زبردست جشن (خبر)

اسرائیلی وزیر خارجہ کی تقریر کے دوران اقوام متحدہ میں احتجاجی مظاہرہ

عرب مندوبین کا واک آؤٹ، فلسطینی مسئلہ قرارداد ۲۴۲ اور ۳۳۸ کی بنیاد پر حل ہو سکتا ہے' شمعون

اقوام متحدہ ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (کونا) اسرائیل نے کہا ہے کہ سلامتی کونسل کی قرارداد ۲۴۲ اور ۳۳۸ ہی صرف فلسطینی مسئلہ حل کرنے کے مذاکرات کا دائرہ کار بن سکتی ہیں۔ یہ اعلان اسرائیلی وزیر خارجہ شمعون پیریز نے بدھ کی شب جنرل اسمبلی کے اجلاس میں تقریر کرتے ہوئے کیا اور پچھلے سالوں کی طرح اس بار بھی عرب مندوبین اجلاس سے واک آؤٹ کر گئے جب پیریز تقریر کرنے کے لئے روسٹرم کی طرف بڑھے۔ صرف مصر کے مندوب اپنی نشست پر بیٹھے رہے پیریز کے خطاب کے دوران قدامت پسند یہودیوں' امریکیوں اور فلسطینی امریکیوں نے اقوام متحدہ کی عمارت کے باہر مظاہرہ کیا جو اسرائیلی وزیر خارجہ کے دورہ کے خلاف احتجاج تھا۔ تبدیل ہوتی ہوئی حقیقتوں کا ذکر کرتے ہوئے پیریز نے کہا کہ ۱۹۴۷ء

باقی دوسرے صفحہ پر

مقبوضہ مغربی کنارے میں یہودی فائرنگ سے دو فلسطینی ہلاک

القدس ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (رائٹر) سیبرون یہودی آباد کاروں نے اپنی کار پر پتھراؤ کرنے والے فلسطینیوں پر فائرنگ کر کے ایک فلسطینی کو ہلاک اور چار کو زخمی کر دیا جبکہ احتجاج کرنے والے فلسطینی نوجوانوں پر اسرائیلی فوج نے گولی چلا دی جس کے نتیجے میں ایک خاب پوش فلسطینی ہلاک ہو گیا۔ اسرائیلی فوج نے ہیبرون پر کرفیو نافذ کر دیا ہے اور علاقہ میں اخبار نویسوں کا داخلہ بند کر دیا ہے۔ مغربی کنارے کے ایک اور شہر بلاہ میں اسرائیلی فوج کے چھاپے کے دوران ایک شخص زخمی ہو گیا۔ دریں اثناء مغربی کنارے کے تعلیمی اداروں کے بند کرنے کے حکم میں چودہ نومبر تک کی توسیع کر دی گئی ہے۔

پاکستان نے بھارت کو ہرا کر پانچویں پوزیشن حاصل کر لی

ہاکی کا فائنل آج برطانیہ اور مغربی جرمنی میں ہوگا' آسٹریلیا نے خواتین کا فائنل جیت لیا

سیئول ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (اپ) ہاکی اولمپک میں پانچویں اور چھٹی پوزیشن کے لئے میچ میں پاکستان نے بھارت کو ایک کے مقابلے میں دو گول سے ہرا دیا پاکستان کی جانب سے گول صدیق حسین اور قاضی محب الرحمٰن نے کئے جبکہ بھارت کی طرف سے واحد گول مہندر پال سنگھ نے کیا اولمپکس میں پانچویں پوزیشن حاصل کرنے کے بعد پاکستان چیمپئنز ٹرافی کھیلنے کے لئے کوالیفائی کر گیا ہے آج کے میچ میں پاکستان نے ۲۱ ویں منٹ پر سنٹر فارورڈ صدیق حسین کے ریورس سکوپ پر گول کر کے برتری حاصل کر لی اور ۲۹ ویں منٹ پر قاضی محب نے پنلٹی سٹروک پر ایک اور گول کر دیا بھارت پاکستان کے سخت دفاع کو نہ توڑ سکا اور کھیل ختم ہونے سے تین منٹ قبل مہندر پال سنگھ پنلٹی کارنر پر گول کرنے میں کامیاب ہو گیا ہاکی کا فائنل میچ کل برطانیہ اور مغربی جرمنی کے درمیان کھیلا جائے گا مبصرین کا خیال ہے کہ فائنل میچ انتہائی دلچسپ اور سنسنی خیز ہو گا کیوں کہ تیز طرار برطانوی ٹیم کا سامنا ایک مضبوط دفاع والی مغربی جرمنی سے ہے ادھر خواتین کی ہاکی کے فائنل میں آج آسٹریلیا نے جنوبی کوریا کو صفر کے مقابلے میں دو گول سے ہرا کر طلائی تمغہ جیت لیا اولمپک مقابلوں میں پہلی بار خواتین کی ٹیمیں شریک ہوئی تھیں جنوبی کوریا کے صدر اور ان کی اہلیہ نے بھی یہ مقابلہ دیکھا جس میں ۲۵ ہزار تماشائی موجود تھے

گوجرانوالہ میں پاکستان آسٹریلیا ایک روزہ میچ منسوخ

اسلام آباد ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (رائٹر) لاہور میں سیلابی کیفیت کی بناء پر آسٹریلیا اور پاکستان کے درمیان گوجرانوالہ میں آج کھیلا جانے والا ایک روزہ کرکٹ میچ منسوخ کر دیا گیا ہے۔ پاکستان کرکٹ بورڈ کے ایک ترجمان نے بتایا کہ آسٹریلیائی ٹیم کل تک لاہور میں ہی قیام کرے گی اس کے بعد وہ پشاور روانہ ہو گی جہاں وہ ۲ اکتوبر سے گورنر الیون سے سہ روزہ کرکٹ میچ کھیلے گی۔ بقیہ دو ایک روزہ کرکٹ میچ ۱۴ اکتوبر کو حیدرآباد اور ۱۵ اکتوبر کو کراچی میں کھیلے جائیں گے۔

اقوام متحدہ کی امن فورسز کیلئے ۱۹۸۸ء کا نوبل امن انعام

امن فورسز نے انتہائی نامساعد حالات میں مخلصانہ خدمات انجام دیں' ڈی کوئیلار انعام وصول کریں گے

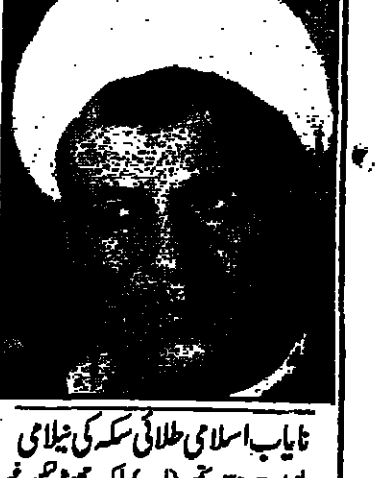
اوسلو ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (کونا) ۱۹۸۸ء کا نوبل امن انعام اقوام متحدہ کی امن فورسز کو دیا گیا ہے۔ نوبل انعامات کمیٹی کے ایک ترجمان نے کہا کہ امن فورسز نے انتہائی نامساعد حالات میں کام کیا اور دنیا میں متنازعات کی جگہوں پر کشیدگی کم کرنے میں مدد دی۔ اقوام متحدہ میں سیکرٹری جنرل جاویر پیریز ڈی کوئیلار نے گزشتہ روز جنرل اسمبلی کو مطلع کیا کہ نوبل امن انعام ہماری امن قائم رکھنے والی فورسز کو دیا گیا ہے انہوں نے کہا کہ اقوام متحدہ کی اس فورسز کو انعام کا حق دار ٹھہرا کر نوبل کمیٹی نے دراصل یہ تسلیم کیا ہے کہ امن کی مہم ایک عالمی ذمہ داری ہے جس میں دنیا کے تمام ممالک اور عوام شریک ہیں۔ ۱۵۹ ارکان پر مشتمل جنرل اسمبلی سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے مسٹر ڈی کوئیلار نے کہا کہ اقوام متحدہ کی حالیہ کامیابیاں قسمت کے اچانک مہربان ہو جانے کا نتیجہ نہیں بلکہ پیہم محنت اور طویل سالوں کی بے لوث ریاضت کا ثمر ہے اور جس کا سہرا اس تنظیم کی امن قائم رکھنے کی سرگرمیوں کے سر ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ امن کا نوبل انعام ان سب کی آدرش پسندی کو خراج تحسین ہے جنہوں نے اس تنظیم میں کام کیا اور بالخصوص ان کی قربانیوں کو خراج عقیدت ہے جنہوں نے امن قائم رکھنے کی کارروائیوں میں حصہ لیا اور یہ مشن جاری رکھے ہوئے ہیں۔ سیکرٹری جنرل اقوام متحدہ ۱۰ دسمبر کو ناروے کے دارالحکومت اوسلو جا کر امن فورسز کی طرف سے امن وصول کریں گے۔ دنیا میں اقوام متحدہ کی تسلیم شدہ امن فورسز ہیں۔ اسرائیل اور لبنان' اسرائیل اور شام' اور عراق اور ایران کے درمیان متعین فورسز شامل ہیں۔

قبرص میں اقوام متحدہ کی امن فوج کے کمانڈر آسٹریائی جنرل (دائیں) کینیڈا کے ایک سارجنٹ کو ہدایات دے رہے ہیں

رفسنجانی قاتلانہ حملہ میں بال بال بچ گئے

مسلح افراد کی خود کار ہتھیاروں سے ایرانی رہنما کی کار پر فائرنگ

القدس ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (اپ) اسرائیل کے ایک جریدے نے انکشاف کیا ہے کہ ایران کی مسلح افواج کے سربراہ ہاشمی رفسنجانی پر تہران میں ایک قاتلانہ حملہ کیا گیا جس میں وہ بال بال بچ گئے انگریزی جریدے دی نیشن کی رپورٹ کے مطابق یہ حملہ ۲۳ ستمبر کو تہران میں ہوا اخبار نے نامعلوم باخبر ذرائع کے حوالے سے انکشاف کیا ہے کہ حملہ آوروں نے رفسنجانی کی کار پر خود کار ہتھیاروں سے حملہ کیا جس کے نتیجے میں ان کا ایک محافظ ہلاک ہو گیا کار میں رفسنجانی کے علاوہ چار محافظ بھی سوار تھے مگر رفسنجانی کو کوئی گزند نہیں پہنچا ایران کی جانب سے اس خبر کی تصدیق یا تردید نہیں کی گئی ہے۔



نایاب اسلامی طلائی سکہ کی نیلامی

لندن ۔ ۳۰ ستمبر (اپ) ایک چھوٹا لیکن غیر معمولی نادر و نایاب اسلامی طلائی سکہ جو کہ رسول اللہ حضرت محمد صلی اللہ علیہ وآلہ وسلم کی وفات کے ۹۳ سال بعد ڈھالا گیا تھا کل یہاں ۴ لاکھ ۷۷ ہزار ۲ سو ڈالر میں نیلام ہوا۔ یہاں کے مشہور سوتھبی نیلام گھر نے بتایا کہ برطانیہ میں کسی بھی اسلامی و غیر اسلامی سکہ کی نیلامی میں اتنی قیمت کا حاصل ہونا ایک ریکارڈ ہے مذکورہ طلائی سکہ کا حجم ۱۹ ملی میٹر ہے اور تیرہ سو سال پرانا ہے۔ مشرق وسطیٰ کے کسی شوقین نے ٹیلی فون کے ذریعے یہ سکہ خریدا ہے انہوں نے اپنی شخصیت کو صیغہ راز میں رکھنے پر زور دیا ہے۔ سکہ فروخت کرنے والے نے بھی اسی طرح کے مدعا کا اظہار کیا ہے۔ ان دنوں اسلامی سلطنت کی طاقت اور اثرات عراق سعودی عرب اور مشرق وسطیٰ سے لیکر شمالی افریقہ کے کچھ حصوں تک پھیلے ہوئے تھے مسلم حکمران جب بھی اپنا سکہ رائج کرنا چاہتے تھے تو وہ عام طور پر بازنطینی اور فارسی سکوں پر عربی رسم الخط استعمال کرتے تھے اس کے بعد دور امیہ (۷۷ ہجری) میں انہوں نے اپنا خالص طلائی سکہ رائج کیا۔ اس دور کے طلائی سکوں کی خاص بات یہ تھی کہ ان پر تاریخ درج ہوا کرتی تھی۔ نیلام گھر کے ترجمان نے بتایا کہ ان کے خیال سے اس دور کے دس یا بیس سے زائد طلائی سکے اس وقت دنیا میں موجود نہیں ہوں گے۔ مذکورہ طلائی سکہ پر قرآنی آیات نقش ہیں۔

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'Flojo' rockets to 2nd gold with record

SEOUL, Sept 30, (Reuter): Florence Griffith Joyner rocketed to her second Olympic gold in double world record time yesterday.

Radiating the joy of speed, the flamboyant sprint queen won the 200 metres in 21.34 seconds, slicing 0.22 of a second from the 21.56 world mark she set less than two hours earlier.

Her sister-in-law Jackie Joyner-Kersee, who won the heptathlon on Saturday, leapt to an Olympic record of 7.40 metres in the long jump to make it a family party.

Marvelled

Anxieties about student violence and drugs in sport melted away as Olympic stadium spectators marvelled at Griffith Joyner's breathtaking performance.

In the semifinals, 'Flojo,' as she is called pulverised the world mark of 21.71 set by East Germany's Marita Koch in 1979 then flowed through the final in even faster time, bursting over the line with a wide smile.

Griffith Joyner, 28, put her success down to "hard work, training and just wanting it."

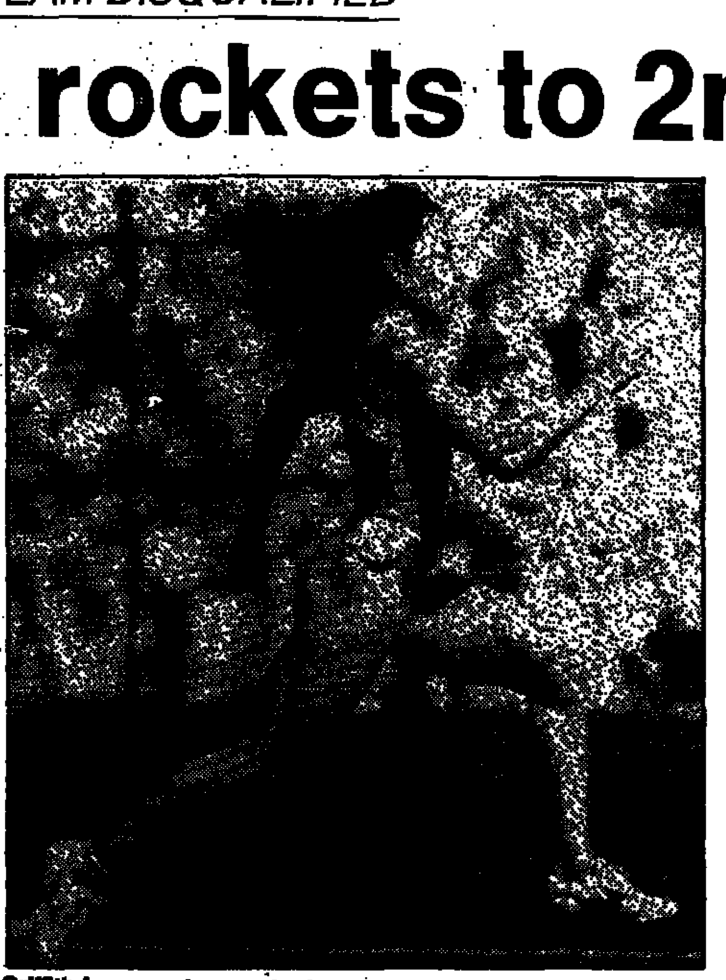
"That's what it's all about — setting world records so the young ones coming up have a little work to do," she said.

US super heavyweight Riddick Bowe yesterday led six Americans into Olympic boxing finals and coach Ken Adams said he expected all of them to win gold medals.

Towering East German Christian Schenk won the decathlon ahead of teammate and world champion Torsten Voss as two-time Olympic champion Daley Thompson of Britain gave up his crown.

Thompson was injured when his pole snapped during the pole vault and he struggled over the final 1,500 metres race with his leg heavily strapped to end the competition in fourth place.

Grand Slam champion Steffi



Griffith Joyner on her way to victory and a new world record. (Reuter wirephoto)

Graf dispatched American Zina Garrison 6-2 6-0 with the kind of power play that has eluded her in earlier rounds of the Olympic tennis competition.

The 19-year-old West German lined up a battle for the gold against Argentinian Gabriela Sabatini, 18, who drubbed Bulgaria's Manuela Maleeva 6-1 6-1.

Today Carl Lewis was denied a shot at a seventh Olympic gold when his sprint relay team-mates were disqualified from the Games.

Lewis watched from the stands as world 200 metres champion Calvin Smith and anchorman Lee McNeill made a mess of their exchange and passed the baton outside the changeover zone before going on to first round victory.

Officials failed to spot the error but three nations protested to the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) and the jury of appeals later disqualified the defending champions and world record holders from tomorrow's semifinals.

Already

The decision to disqualify the United States means Lewis, quadruple gold medallist from Los Angeles four years ago and already a double champion here, will be left with six golds and a silver from two Olympics.

The only times the Americans have failed to win the men's sprint relay at the Olympics were when they were disqualified in 1912 and 1960 and when the United States boycotted the 1980 Games in Moscow.

Kenyan Julius Kariuki swept clear to win the greatest 3,000 metres steeplechase of all time ahead of compatriot Peter Koech on the Games' penultimate day of track action.

Kariuki narrowly missed compatriot Henry Rono's 10-year-old world mark but clocked history's second fastest time of eight minutes 05.51 seconds to win comfortably.

Bulgaria's European champion Yordanka Donkova scorched to her expected triumph in the 100 metres hurdles final and tiny Soviet Olga Bondarenko struck in the closing 200 metres to win the inaugural women's 10,000 metres title.

Joyner-Kersee jumps to her 2nd gold medal in the women's long jump. (Reuter wirephoto)

Calvin Smith (right) hands the baton to Lee McNeill, two to three metres out of the zone, during the 4x100 relay. (Reuter wirephoto)

American veteran Louise Ritter soared clear at 2.03 metres to capture the women's high jump title in a stunning win over Bulgarian world champion Stefka Kostadinova.

Lewis could hardly have been impressed as Smith tried desperately to plant the baton in McNeill's hand.

Smith had run his usual storming bend but missed McNeill's outstretched palm twice before the small, bespectacled anchorman turned his head to grab for the stick.

Jury secretary Mike Gee said France, Nigeria and the Soviet Union had lodged separate protests and that the Americans had been disqualified after a video of the incident had been studied.

Kariuki and Koech took up the steeplechase pace after world champion Francesco Panetta of Italy faded.

Superb

Kariuki made a decisive move at the bell and Koech's superb chase brought him across the line in the third fastest time ever of 8:06.79. Briton Mark Rowland sliced 10 seconds off his personal best to take the bronze in 8:07.12 — the fifth fastest time ever.

Ritter won the high jump after she and Kostadinova entered a sudden-death jump off having both failed three times at 2.03. Kostadinova dragged the bar off with her first additional attempt and then watched as 1983 world championship bronze medallist Ritter sailed clear.

The men's Olympic 1,500 metres lost a lot of its lustre today when world record holder Said Aouita of Morocco and one of his main challengers, Brazil's Joaquim Cruz, failed to show up for the semifinals.

Aouita didn't show up because of a strained left hamstring. But Cruz's reason for dropping out was less clear.

W. Germans thrash Italians

SEOUL, Sept 30, (Reuter): West Germany captured their first Olympic soccer medal when they defeated Italy 3-0 to take the bronze in the third-place play-off today.

The West Germans, fielding six full internationals in their opening line-up, seized the lead in the first five minutes and retained the initiative.

Juergen Klinsmann, abetted by Frank Mill, showed up Italian defensive deficiencies with the opening strike in the fifth minute.

Gerhard Kleppinger added the second in the 17th minute and second half substitute Christian Schreier put the match totally beyond reach of the Italians with the third in the 69th.

Lacked

Forced to play extra-time twice in 48 hours in their last two games, they lacked sharpness up front and badly missed European Championship central defender Ciro Ferrara in a shaky back line.

Ferrara was suspended after he was sent off in the semifinal defeat against the Soviet Union, and the defence lacked authority without him.

Klinsmann put the finishing touch to a fine West German breakaway move after early pressure from Italy in the opening minutes.

Thomas Hoerster sent a long ball down the right for Mill, who took it into the area, beating defender Massimo Brambati for pace before turning it back into the path of the incoming Klinsmann.

Klinsmann, who scored a hat-trick in the quarterfinal win over Zambia, slotted the ball neatly between two defenders for his fifth goal of the tournament.

Ralf Sievers could have had the second four minutes later but blasted high and wide after goalkeeper Stefano Tacconi had fumbled a clearance.

Gerhard Kleppinger, however, made no mistake when his chance came following a corner by Mill on the left.

Defender Michael Schulz, up for the set-piece, backheaded from the near-post and Kleppinger showed more determination than goalkeeper and defender and rose to plant home a firm header.

Blasted

Massimo Crippa came desperately close to reducing the arrears when he fired an explosive shot from the deep which crashed against the angle of crossbar and upright in the 67th minute.

One minute later Angelo Colombo blasted over from inside the box, and that was Italy's last hope of saving the match because 60 seconds later West Germany were 3-0 up.

Schreier, who came on as substitute for stocky midfielder Wolfram Wuttke in the 63rd minute, settled Italy's fate six minutes after his arrival.

Kleppinger collected the ball with his left foot on the edge of the box on the right, switched the ball to his other foot and sent over a cross which Schreier steered first time into the net.

Australians clinch hockey crown

SEOUL, Sept 30, (Reuter): Australia gained their first ever Olympic hockey gold medal when they beat South Korea 2-0 in the women's final today.

The game was played at a remarkable pace throughout and while it lacked the 10 goals shared by the two sides in their earlier pool meeting the final was full of exciting end-to-end play. Australia's defensive work was their great strength.

Flick

The Australians missed a great chance to take the lead in the first half when Tracey Belbin's penalty flick was well saved by goalkeeper Chung Eun-Kyung.

But when Australia forced another penalty stroke in the 40th minute after some concerted pressure, Chung was powerless to stop captain Debbie Bowman's excellent shot.

Winger Lee Capes broke the hearts of the capacity 22,000 crowd with a second goal after 56 minutes.

The Netherlands, the holders, took the bronze medal by beating Britain 3-1, all the goals coming in the first half.

In the men's fifth place playoff, Pakistan, the 1984 champions, rounded off their tournament with a 2-1 defeat of India.

They took the lead with a neat reverse scoop by centre forward Mussadiq Hussain after 21 minutes and added a second with a penalty stroke conversion by Qazi Mohib in the 49th minute.

India rarely penetrated a tight defence and did not score until three minutes from time when Mohinderpal Singh converted a penalty corner.

The British men's team will pit their rapidly improving firepower against the cool consistency and tight defence of West Germany in what should be a close final tomorrow.

The Germans, seeded third, have won their last three clashes with the British, including a 2-1 win in the preliminary round in Seoul.

But since that last minute defeat by a controversial penalty stroke Britain have beaten India, the Soviet Union and Olympic favourites Australia.

Turn

A key to the final could be the fitness of Germany's forward Stefan Blocher. In Wednesday's semifinal against the Netherlands he staggered off the pitch after taking a penalty corner shot full in the face. He is now out of hospital but is unlikely to be risked.

His likely replacement is Michael Hilgers, used more often as a mid-game substitute who can turn a match.

In the Seoul preliminaries the Germans, Olympic champions in 1972 and silver medallists at Los Angeles four years ago, finished unbeaten and two points ahead of Britain in Group B.

In the semifinal against Australia centre forward Sean Kerly scored a rare Olympic hat-trick. Kerly and penalty corner striker Paul Barber have collected 12 goals between them in the tournament.

That British strike force will face a German defence which has conceded only four goals.

The West German attack is anchored on corner striker Carsten Fischer, with four goals in the tournament and Blocher who has scored three.

Tomorrow's bronze medal match pits World Cup holders Australia, the number one seeds, against European champions the Netherlands, who have not won a medal since 1952.

Carlsen heads qualifiers

SEOUL, Sept 30, (Reuter): Canada's Lisa Carlsen riding Kahlua scored two perfect rounds today to lead the qualifiers for the Olympic show jumping final.

West Germany's Dirk Hafemeister on Orchidee, France's Michel Robert on La Fayette and Thomas Fuchs of Switzerland on Dollar Girl also cleared all obstacles but collected small time penalties.

In Sunday's final in the Olympic stadium the 37 qualifiers start with a clean score sheet.

They include Olympic champion Joe Fargis on Mill Pearl and compatriots Greg Best on Gem Twist and Anne Kursinski on Starman.

British and Dutch riders also placed well and Austria's Hugo Simon, the only European winner of the World Cup, redeemed himself after a poor first round by picking up just 1.25 penatly points on his mare Gipsy Lady.

Standard

Britain's Princess Anne, President of the International Equestrian Federation (FIE), told a press conference the standard of competition in Seoul was as high as at any previous Olympics.

She parried a suggession that equestrian sports were only for the privileged and not in keeping with the Olympic spirit.

Waldo tops synchronised swimming

SEOUL, Sept 30, (Reuter): World Champion Carolyn Waldo deposed American Tracie Ruiz-Conforto as Olympic synchronised swimming solo champion today to put Canada back in the gold medal rankings.

It was Canada's only gold medal going into the last three days of the Games, following the disqualification of sprinter Ben Johnson for returning a positive dope test after his 100 metres victory.

Waldo, who had built up an unassailable lead in Wednesday's compulsory figures, scored the same marks as her American arch-rival in the concluding free routine.

Mikako Kotani of Japan edged out European champion Muriel Hermine of France for the bronze medal.

"It's quite an honour to win Canada's first gold medal. It's unfortunate what happened to Ben Johnson. I feel really sorry for him," Waldo said.

Ruiz-Conforto retired after beating Waldo for the gold at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics but made a comeback for the Seoul Games and defeated the Canadian in a pre-Olympic meeting in the South Korean capital.

Waldo, favourite for tomorrow's concluding duet title with team mate Michelle Cameron, led the American by 2.517 points after the compulsories, which settled the issue in advance.

She compiled 200.150 points, with her 101.150 in the figures, leaving her well ahead of Ruiz-Conforto (197.633) and Kotani (191.850).

S. Korea win

SEOUL, Sept 30, (Reuter): South Korea's Yang Young-Ja and Hyun Jung-Hwa today won the first Olympic table tennis gold medal, beating China's Jiao Zhimin and Chen Jing in the women's doubles final.

The world champion, Korean pair unleashed an awesome display of ferocious smashes and lightning counter-attacks to win 21-19 16-21 21-10 in 55 minutes.

Yang and Hyun, both using the right-hand pen-grip, won the first game easily as the nervous Chinese pair suffered from a disastrous start by Jiao.

USA's Victoria Bullett (right) reaches for the ball with Yugoslavia's Sladjana Golic (centre) and Polona Dornik. (Reuter wirephoto)

Mecir outplays Mayotte for tennis gold

Mecir: first Olympic champion since 1924

SEOUL, Sept 30, (Reuter): Miloslav Mecir ended his role as perpetual runner-up in style today when he beat American Tim Mayotte to become the first Olympic tennis champion since 1924.

Czechoslovak Mecir, who has never won a Grand Slam tournament despite being a familiar face in the finals, beat second seed Mayotte 3-6 6-2 6-4 6-2.

"This is, I think, the biggest one," said Mecir, 24, who has a string of wins in other tournaments but has been hampered by a back injury this year.

Positions

The United States and Czechoslovakia reversed the medals positions in the women's doubles with Pam Shriver and Zina Garrison beating Jana Novotna and Helena Sukova 4-6 6-2 10-8 to take the gold.

Mecir, who lost in this year's Wimbledon semifinals to Swede Stefan Edberg — the man he beat in his penultimate match in Seoul — looked unsure when he first stepped on to the centre court at the Olympic Park today.

He held his first serve only after a tough, six-minute game which went four times to deuce and was broken on a backhand error to allow Mayotte to go 4-3 ahead.

Mayotte broke him again, at the second attempt, to take the set with a cross-court backhand volley but Mecir broke straight back in the opening game of the second set.

Fine-tuning his serve and improving his service return, the third-seeded Mecir controlled the long baseline rallies throughout the second and third sets.

Mayotte began to look nervous in the final set, losing his first service game on a double fault and failing to convert a break point against Mecir in the next game.

At 5-1 down Mayotte produced a serve which Mecir could not return to reach 5-2 but on matchpoint in the next game he struck a backhand into the net and the Czechoslovak threw his racket high into the air in joy.

"It's been a great feeling and a great week to forget about the money for a while and to play for the sports spirit of the Olympics," said Mecir.

Shriver and Garrison were followed in the footsteps of the legendary Helen Wills and Hazel Wightman with their hard-won victory.

The last time tennis featured in the Olympics was 64 years ago in Paris when Wills and Wightman won the doubles gold for the United States.

Shriver, beaten to a bronze medal by Garrison in the singles, sobbed with emotion after being presented with her gold.

"As a single moment it is a much bigger charge than winning a Grand Slam tournament," said Shriver who has won 17 Grand Slam titles with her usual partner Martina Navratilova. "It is the highlight of my career."

Opponents

In a match lasting nearly two-and-a-half hours, the top-seeded Americans took their opponents to matchpoint five times before Novotna hit a forehand out to give them victory.

Bronze medals went to all the losing semifinalists.

Edberg and American Brad Gilbert took the bronzes in the singles, while the doubles medals went to West Germany's Steffi Graf and Claudia Kohde-Kilsch and Australia's Wendy Turnbull and Elizabeth Smylie.

Soviets peak at right time to overcome Yugoslavs

SEOUL, Sept 30, (Reuter): Timing is everything, as Soviet basketball coach Alexander Gomelsky proved by bringing his team along like clockwork on their march to the Olympic gold.

The Soviet men started slowly but finished on top by beating rivals Yugoslavia 76-63 in the gold medal game today.

The manner of their victory mirrored the Soviet performance throughout the tournament, which saw them lose their opening preliminary game to Yugoslavia before taking seven straight victories.

Trailed

Feeling their way at the start, the Soviet Union fell behind 6-0 and trailed 24-12 after 12 minutes of the first half.

But then they went to work. They shut down the Yugoslavs without a point for nearly six minutes andwent on to take a 31-28 lead at the half. They came out roaring after the interval and didn't ease off until the gold was safely theirs.

The key to the Soviet triumph, which added a second gold to their 1972 title in Munich, was the way they worked star centre Arvidas Sabonis back into their lineup after an injury absence of 18 months.

Sabonis did not start against Yugoslavia in the opening game and when he did play, appeared to lack his usual agility. Later in preliminaries, the 122-kg tower of strength under the boards sat out against Puerto Rico who nearly upset the Soviet Union before losing in overtime.

But Gomelsky's patience paid off. As the tournament wore on, Sabonis heated up. By the time the Soviet Union met the defending US Olympic champions, Sabonis was ready.

Sabonis scored 20 points and hauled down 15 rebounds against Yugoslavia. He had 13 points and 13 rebounds to help eliminate defending Olympic champions, the United States, in the semifinals.

Yesterday Teresa Edwards, a veteran of the 1984 team, took charge in the second half and drove the US women's basketball team to its second straight Olympic gold medal beating Yugoslavia 77-70.

The Americans had won their first women's gold in Los Angeles in 1984, but that one was without competition from the Eastern bloc countries.

There was nothing to diminish this one, as coach Kay Yow's team rolled past the once-mighty Soviet Union to get to the finals.

OLYMPIC NOTEBOOK

Giant tumble

THE heaviest man at the Olympics took a giant tumble on Thursday and fell out of the Games. Czechoslovak weightlifter Jiri Zubricky, born in a town called Most, toppled backwards and rolled off the platform on his second attempt to snatch 185 kg in the super heavyweight class. He also failed on his first and third attempts. Zubricky weighs 165 kg.

Bronzed beachboys

TWO bronzed New Zealanders, who spend most of their lives on the beach, took advantage of years of sand, sea and surf to strike Olympic gold yesterday. Paul MacDonald and Ian Ferguson, who battle tumbling surf every day in their jobs as lifeguards, retained their Olympic title in the 500 metres kayak canoeing race.

Dope inquiry

TRACK and field athletes competing at the Seoul Olympics called yesterday for an inquiry to discover the source of the drug taken by disgraced Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson.

Sun setting

THE rising sun continued to set at the Olympic judo yesterday with Japan's double world champion Hitoshi Sugai eliminated before he could add to his team's meagre medal haul.

Water polo

GOALIE Craig Wilson led a great American defense yesterday to an 8-7 win over the Soviet Union in water polo, giving the Americans the chance at a gold medal. The win means the US team will play Yugoslavia, the top ranked team in the world, in the final game today.

Midas touch

PETER SEISENBACHER achieved a unique back-to-back Olympic judo triumph on Thursday and presented Austria with their first medal of the Games. Seisenbacher, a goldsmith by trade, beat the Soviet Union's Vladimir Shestakov in the middleweight (86 kg) class, to repeat his gold medal performance in Los Angeles.

Handball gold

THE South Korean women's handball team won the host country's fourth Olympic gold medal on Thursday by beating the Soviet Union 21-19.

Unfortunate victim

CANADIAN Minister of Amateur Sport Jean Charest said on Thursday sprinter Ben Johnson might have been an unfortunate victim in the Olympic drug scandal and now hopes one day he will get his medal back.

Johnson story

CANADIAN sprinter Ben Johnson has sold to the West German magazine Stern his story of being stripped of an Olympic gold medal after positive drug tests, the weekly's editor-in-chief said on Thursday.

Basketball players

US professional basketball players may be allowed to play at the Olympics if a rule is changed by a special meeting of the International Amateur Basketball Federation (FIBA) next April.

Table tennis

WORLD champion Jiang Jialiang of China went out of the Olympic table tennis tournament when he lost in the quarterfinals to Sweden's Erik Lindh yesterday. Jiang, the top seed, made an impressive start against the unfancied Swede who looked nervous in the opening game but faded and was beaten 16-21 21-12 21-13 22-10.

Asian athletes

ASIANS are the last pure athletes, according to a top athletics official. In the Seoul Olympics they are proving his point by finishing last. The continent with more than half the world's population provided few finalists in the track and field and saw several of its stars humiliated in the heats.

US swimmers

TWO US Olympic swimmers who stole a stone lion's head from a Seoul nightlcub will not be charged, South Korean prosecutors said yesterday. Senior prosecutor Yoo Sung-Su told reporters Doug Gjertsen and Troy Dalbey, members of the team that set a world record in the 4x200 metres freestyle relay, were free to leave the country.

Women's volleyball

THE Soviet Union came back from two sets down to beat Peru 3-2 and win the women's volleyball gold medal in a cliff-hanger final at the Olympic Games on Thursday. They took the match 15-10, 15-12, 13-15 7-15 17-15 in two hours and 10 minutes.

Soviet gymnast

MARINA LOBACH of the Soviet Union, scoring maximum marks throughout three days of competition, pirouetted and pranced to the Olympic rhythmic gymnastics gold medal yesterday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Steroids

LONDON, Sept 30, (Reuter): A leading British amateur sportsman has been reported to his governing body for allegedly taking anabolic steroids, the sports council said today. The council said it would be at least a month before the offender can be named to give time for his guilt to be established beyond doubt.

France win

PARIS, Sept 30, (Reuter): France squeezed home with a penalty six minutes from the end to beat Norway on Wednesday in the opening match of their campaign to reach the 1990 World Cup soccer finals. The 84th minute winner by Marseille striker Jean-Pierre Papin saved embarrassment after a European Group Five qualifying match which failed to answer criticism that the French do not have the experience or cohesion to reach the Rome finals.

Drug tests

GLASGOW, Sept 30, (Reuter): Scottish footballers have been tested for drugs for the first time. Four players underwent random tests after Tuesday night's Premier League match between Hamilton and Aberdeen under a new directive from the Scottish Football Association (SFA).

Australian tennis

SYDNEY, Sept 30, (Reuter): Ivan Lendl and Pat Cash have withdrawn from the Australian Indoor Tennis Championships, tournament director Graham Lovett said yesterday. They were expected to fill the top two seedings.

GCC basketball

RIYADH, Sept 30, (KUNA): Saudi Arabia's national basketball team won the fourth GCC Basketball Championship when it beat Bahrain 94/83 here last night. The United Arab Emirates came in second while Bahrain were the third.

Top Italian clubs crash out of Cup

ROME, Sept 30, (Reuter): Four of Italy's top clubs, including League champions AC Milan, went crashing out of the second round of the Italian Soccer Cup on Wednesday.

Northern giants Juventus finished third in the second round group standings despite a 2-0 win over Brescia after two fine goals by new Soviet signing Alexander Zavarov.

Beaten

Milan, missing injured Dutch internationals Ruud Gullit and Marco van Basten, went down 1-0 to Torino, while the northern city's other club, Internazionale, were beaten 4-3 at home by Fiorentina.

Roma finished bottom of its group after a 4-1 thrashing by lowly Pescara.

But Diego Maradona's Napoli and Italian Cup holders Sampdoria did qualify for the quarterfinals.

Baseball results

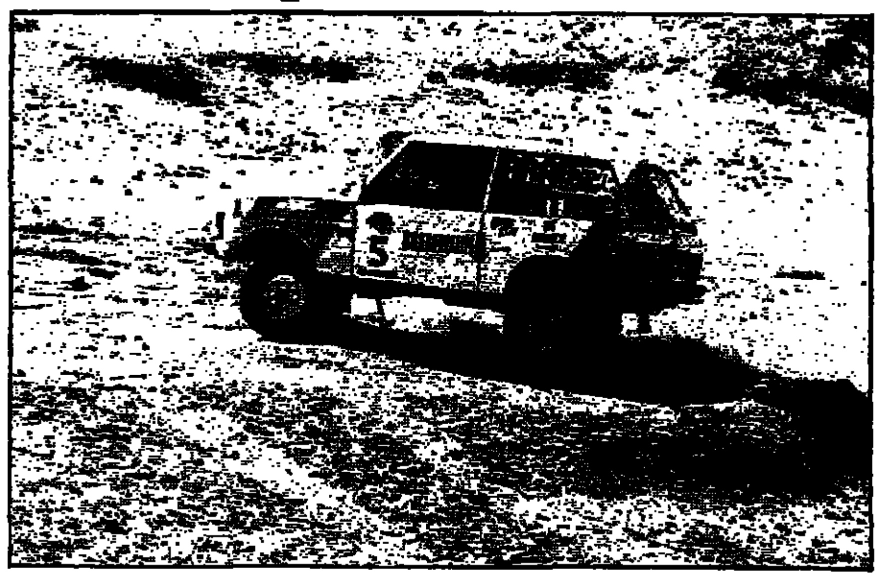
NEW YORK, Sept 30, (Reuter): Results of Major League baseball games played yesterday:

	American League		
New York	5	Baltimore	1
Boston	12	Cleveland	0
Seattle	5	Texas	1
Oakland	6	Minnesota	2
Kansas City	7	Chicago	6
	National League		
Montreal	5	Chicago	4
Houston	5	Atlanta	4

EID FALAH FINISHES IN SECOND PLACE

Al Wazzan speeds to Kuwait rally victory

By Gail Seery



Tareq Al Wazzan (left) beat Eid Falah by eight seconds. (Photos by Raed Quttaina)

ARAB TIMES and Marlboro sponsored driver Tareq Al Wazzan sped home to a 8-second victory over rival Eid Falah in yesterday's Kuwait local rally, the fourth round of this year's national championship. This represents Al Wazzan's first win this year, after a spate of bad luck having prevented him from finishing four rallies.

Al Wazzan started as he meant to continue, by setting the fastest stage time on stage 1 — a time of 8 minutes 59 seconds. Mohammed Al Husseini, and his new co-driver, me, went straight into second place, with a disappointing time of 9 minutes 30 seconds, some eight seconds ahead of Eid Falah and co-driver Sadeq Ashkanani.

Knock

On the second time through the stage, Al Husseini managed to knock a staggering 40 seconds off his previous time, cutting Al Wazzan's time of 8 minutes 47, by seven seconds.

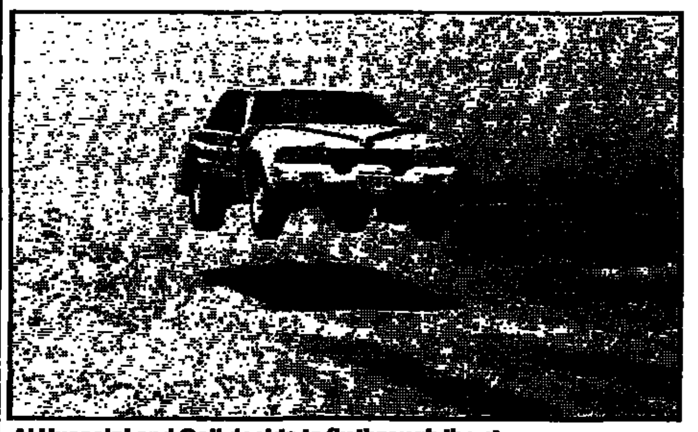
Sadly Husseini went out with a seized differential on the first long straight of the third stage, leaving behind him a two horse race, between Al Wazzan and Eid Falah.

The rest of the rally saw the two Range Rovers hurtling through the stages, with Falah trying to close the gap still further, and Al Wazzan preventing him, despite the fact that his engine was pronounced "finished" some two rallies ago.

Ahmed Al Hilal took third place, after he damaged his steering, but was driving far more effectively and aggressively than in some other local events. Like Al Wazzan he has had a spate of bad luck, which he now leaves behind.

Fourth place was taken by Ahmed Al Zafiri, wresting remarkable speed from the severely underpowered Daihatsu Charade.

Another man to break his duck was Lester Featherstonehaugh. Driving the Volvo 240, he proved that this car is after all suitable for rallies, by taking a commendable fifth place, despite a two minute penalty when he had to change a wheel immediately before entering parc ferme.



Al Husseini and Gail decide to fly through the stage.

Al Wazzan said that he was happy to have won the event but was more happy to have broken his long run of bad luck. "Everybody enters this championship to win, but if I can match this result, there is a very good chance we can take it this year."

Co-driver Khaled Khalifa added: "This rally was not really suitable for the Range Rovers, but even so we put in some excellent driving, and had a great deal of co-operation from our team and others for the event. The team is working perfectly."

Fahd Al Rashed, co-driver to Ahmed Al Hilal said that his driver was "marvellous" but that this type of rally is tough on the Toyota Corolla. "We had shock absorber trouble from the first stage. Ahmed was driving well with a lot more attack."

Ghazi Al Zafiri, co-driving for Ahmed Al Zafiri in the Charade said: "We had no problems, except for the low maximum speed of the car."

Television personality Mubarak Al Omair rolled his Fiat Goldring Lada Niva on the fourth stage, and Tareq Al Alyan proved yet again that he was a finisher by bringing the Rocky home in seventh place.

Eid Falah was clearly a very disappointed driver at the end of the day. "The car is fantastic," said Ashkanani, and we had no problems other than a loose gear lever, and a puncture on SS1.

Perhaps the saddest part of the day was that Mumtaz Shah was unable to start the rally because somebody had tampered with his engine overnight, filling it with mud. Not surprisingly, the engine is now a write-off. He said he was very disillusioned, but is off to join the Himalayan Rally in the next few days.

Hossam Seyafe made his debut outing on this event in a small Suzuki jeep. He deserves congratulations for his performance on this event.

Finally, I thoroughly enjoyed my own day as co-driver to Al Husseini, generally acknowledged as the most flamboyant of Kuwait's drivers.

Al Zafiri tackles a water obstacle.

Times:

1. Al Wazzan/Khalifa, Range Rover — 52.47
2. Falah/Ashkanani, Range Rover — 52.55
3. Al Hilal/Al Rashed, Corolla — 55.30
4. Al Zafiri/Al Zafiri, Charade — 58.38
5. Featherstonehaugh/Speak Volvo — 60.16

Liverpool overcome Walsall

LONDON, Sept 30, (Reuter): One moment of inspiration by Liverpool central defender Gary Gillespie broke the resistance of brave Second Division Walsall in their first leg second round English League Cup tie on Wednesday.

For 43 minutes all the efforts of international strikers Ian Rush, Peter Beardsley and John Aldridge had foundered against the hard-working visitors.

Then Gillespie launched a fine run, weaving his way powerfully past three defenders to lob the ball deftly over the Walsall goalkeeper and just inside the near post.

Walsall, who had wasted a golden opportunity after 15 minutes when Keith Bertschin aimed Howard Pritchard's cross straight at Liverpool keeper Mike Hooper, created some heart-stopping moments in the home defence after the interval.

But the champions, with manager Kenny Dalglish on as substitute after 64 minutes, finished the stronger.

Last year's beaten finalists Arsenal also faced Second Division opposition when they travelled to Hull but came away with a 2-1 cushion.

Leaders

Surprise English League leaders Norwich disposed of Third Division Preston 2-0, Nottingham Forest beat Chester, also of the Third Division, 6-0, and Manchester United won 1-0 at Rotherham, leaders of the Fourth Division.

Meanwhile, Norwich are at pains to emphasise the fact they are unconcerned at the spectre of Liverpool looming menacingly over their shoulders.

The champions moved to within two points of the Canaries after their impressive victory at Southampton last week, and struggling Newcastle are unlikely to cause Liverpool too much trouble at Anfield tomorrow.

That puts the onus on Norwich to maintain their bright start against visiting Charlton but manager Dave Stringer remains refreshingly relaxed.

"It would be a lot worse if we were down at the bottom trying to get up," said Stringer.

While Norwich will be at full strength, Charlton manager Lennie Lawrence has problems in attack. Garth Crooks has not fully recovered from an ankle injury and Robert Lee is doubtful after breaking a hand in training on Monday.

Lawrence said: "Norwich have made a great start and good luck to them, it shows small clubs can do well."

But the Charlton manager also took a more hard-nosed attitude, adding: "If they are realistic, Norwich will probably be thinking the points they are picking up at the moment will act as an insurance against any problems they might run into later in the season."

Results

English Football League Cup second round, first leg:

Derby	1	Southend	0
Hull	1	Arsenal	2
Leicester	4	Watford	1
Lincoln	1	Southampton	1
Liverpool	1	Walsall	0
Manchester C	1	Plymouth	0
Middlesbrough	0	Tranmere	0
Norwich	0	Preston	0
Notts Forest	6	Chester	0
Oxford	2	Bristol City	4
QPR	3	Cardiff	0
Reading	1	Bradford	1
Rotherham	0	Manchester U	1
	Scottish Premier Division		
Celtic	3	Motherwell	1
Hearts	1	Dundee	1
St Mirren	0	Hibernian	1

McEnroe struggles into quarterfinals

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept 30, (Reuter): John McEnroe secured a quarterfinal berth in the $415,000 San Francisco Grand Prix tennis tournament with a 7-5 6-4 victory over unseeded American Jim Pugh yesterday.

McEnroe, the number three seed, served 10 aces in the match including three in succession in two games, but struggled to subdue the awkward Pugh, who hits both forehands and backhands two-fisted.

Another seed involved in a tense battle was fourth-seeded Mikael Pernfors of Sweden, winner of his first Grand Prix title in Los Angeles last week. Pernfors was stretched by American amateur Jeff Tarango before winning 1-6 7-5 6-1.

Dipping

The McEnroe-Pugh encounter went with serve for the first 11 games until the former world number one snatched the crucial break with a dipping service return to Pugh's feet.

McEnroe took an early lead in the second set but missed two break points for a 4-0 lead and a number of careless errors allowed Pugh back into the match.

Trailing 1-3, Pugh broke McEnroe in the fifth game when the umpire overruled a linesman's decision and called out a McEnroe volley, then held serve to draw level at 3-3.

Pugh then had to serve to save the match at 4-5. The unseeded American saved four match points before McEnroe claimed victory when Pugh sent a backhand over the baseline.

"I became a little tentative and let him back in the match," McEnroe said. "It was a dog fight until the end. He played pretty well I thought."

McEnroe meets another lefthander, unseeded American Tim Wilkison in the quarterfinals. Wilkison beat fifth seeded countryman David Pate 2-6 7-6 6-3.

Beaten

Wednesday's hero became yesterday's victim when American Richard Matuszewski was beaten 6-1 7-6 by South African Danie Visser, a fellow qualifier.

Matuszewski defeated fellow American Aaron Krickstein, the tournament's top seed, the previous day.

Australia-Pakistan match cancelled

ISLAMABAD, Sept 30, (Reuter): A series of one-day cricket matches between Australia and Pakistan has been cut from three games to two after floods forced cancellation of the first game, a Pakistani cricket board spokesman said yesterday.

The touring squad will remain in Lahore until tomorrow when they fly to Peshawar for a three-day match against a North West Frontier Province Governor's XI on October 2-4.

The first game in the limited-overs series was due to be played today in Gujranwala north of Lahore, an area hit by heavy flooding over the past few days. The board's spokesman said it was not possible to hold the game at another venue.

Controversy

The two remaining one-day matches are scheduled for October 14 and 15 in Hyderabad and Karachi in southern Pakistan.

Australia are due to play a third Test match in Lahore, beginning on October 7. They lost the first in Karachi, amid a controversy over the pitch and the umpiring, and the second ended in Faisalabad west of Lahore on Wednesday with a draw.

At least 21 people have been killed and more than 800,000 displaced by the flooding in districts north of Lahore, according to the official APP news agency. Road and rail links with Islamabad have also been affected.

Davis banned

LONDON, Sept 30, (Reuter): Arsenal midfielder Paul Davis was suspended for nine matches and fined £3,000 pounds ($5,000) yesterday for throwing a punch which left Southampton's Glenn Cockerill with a broken jaw.

Davis' ban, which takes effect from October 15, is the longest imposed by the English Football Association (FA) since the current system of disciplinary points was introduced in the early 1970s.

Life with Tyson hell, says champion's wife

NEW YORK, Sept 30, (Reuter): Mike Tyson's wife, the actress Robin Givens, says in a television interview that life with the heavyweight boxing champion has been "torture, pure hell, worse than anything I could possibly imagine."

Givens, with Tyson seated quietly next to her at their palatial New Jersey home, said in a lengthy television interview that her husband was a manic depressive.

Describing Tyson's "extremely volatile temper," Givens said her husband had "a side to him that's scary. Michael is intimidating, to say the least. I think that there's a time when he cannot control his temper, and that's frightening."

Earned

The 22-year-old Tyson, who is the youngest man ever to win the heavyweight championship and has earned roughly $40 million in his brief career, married Givens last February after a whirlwind courtship.

Givens, 23, gave no indication that she wanted to leave Tyson. She said the consequences for Tyson would be dire, even life-threatening, if Givens, her mother, Ruth Roper, and sister left the fighter.

"He would be alone, and I don't want that to happen," Givens said, choking back tears. "He would have gotten so, so bad that I think maybe one day he would have been more deliberate and killed himself or hurt somebody else."

Tyson told interviewer Barbara Walters that he loves his wife and would not stand in her way if she chose to leave. "My wife would just have to ask for it and she has every penny I have," Tyson said, according to a transcript of the interview.

"She can leave right now-...take everything I have and just leave. She has the right to do it. She has...the power to do it," Tyson added.

Givens spoke of their trip earlier this month to Moscow, where she taped an episode of the television show "Head of the Class," and of her husband's behaviour.

"He shakes. He pushes. He swings ....recently I've become very afraid. I mean very, very much afraid. For instance, in Russia, I was afraid," she said. "Michael is a manic depressive."

The New York Post last week quoted Tyson as saying he had been diagnosed as a manic depressive and the psychiatrist prescribed the drug lithium as part of his treatment.

Senna fastest in Spanish Grand Prix practice

JEREZ, Spain, Sept 30, (Reuter): Brazilian Ayrton Senna produced another masterly example of his driving skills today when he took provisional pole position for Sunday's Spanish Grand Prix motor race.

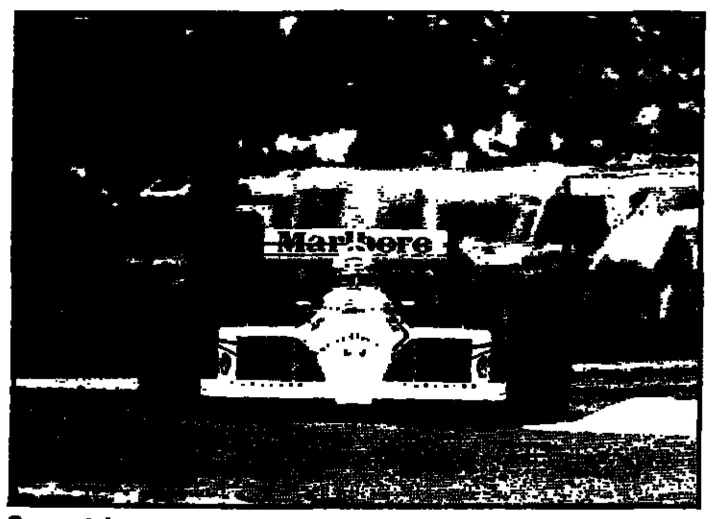
Senna, seeking a record eighth win of the season in his bid to beat McLaren team-mate and current leader Alain Prost of France to the world drivers' championship, clocked a fastest lap of one minute 24.775 seconds in the first qualifying session.

Speed

But it was not just his fast lap time, recorded in scorching sunshine at an average speed of 179.119 kph, which set him apart from the rest.

Senna proved his sheer class by dominating the session, which was prolonged by a 13-minute interruption, in his turbo-powered McLaren on a circuit perfectly suited to the normally-aspirated cars.

Belgian Thierry Boutsen, in a Benetton, was second quickest, Briton Nigel Mansell in a Williams third and Italians Ivan Capelli, driving a March, and Alessandro Nannini, in the second Benetton, fourth and fifth fastest respectively. Boutsen was later disqualified and his practice times officially removed from the record.



Senna: takes pole position

All four drive normally-aspirated cars but none succeeded in joining Senna in breaking the 1:25 barrier on the twisting and dusty Andalucian circuit where the temperature hovered between 28 and 30 degrees Centigrade.

Prost, who leads Senna by five points in the championship, was the only other turbo-powered contender to finish in the top nine.

Austrian Gerhard Berger's turbo-powered Ferrari finished 10th quickest and 1987 world champion Nelson Piquet was 15th in his Lotus — lifting the total of turbo-powered cars in the first 15 to only four.

The interruption, midway through the session, came when Berger's Ferrari and the two Eurobruns of Argentine Oscar Larrauri and Italian Stefano Modena Spun off into dangerous positions and had to be removed from the circuit.

Boutsen, then Capelli, were the quickest in the early part of the session before Mansell recorded his best time after 21 minutes of the 60-minute session.

Senna then moved to the top of the timings with a lap of 1:25.633 before improving it 16 minutes from the end with his best lap, eight-tenths of a second quicker than any of the lighter and more responsive normally-aspirated cars.

Senna said: "I'm very happy. I got a clear lap and the car was working well. But it was quite difficult to get the car working properly on the slippery surface."

Prost, who needs to follow his victory in last Sunday's Portuguese race with another win to keep alive his hopes of a third world title, complained of poor grip.

"The car felt better in the morning session," he said. "I'm very slow through all the corners ... I don't think we were quite right on our tyre pressure settings and, anyway, I found a lot of traffic on my second run."

Team chief Ron Dennis, hoping to see McLaren record their 13th win of the season, was forced to admit: "I think Jerez is very much a circuit for normally-aspirated cars. You've only got to look at the top 10 to see that.

"It means we've got to set up the cars in a way we might not otherwise run them purely to use their strengths to best effect."

Infringed

A spokesman for the International Automobile Federation (FIA) said Boutsen's Benetton car had infringed technical regulations because the front wing of the car was too close to the ground. Boutsen will be able to take part in tomorrow's practice.

A spokesman for the Benetton team said: "It was not a deliberate adjustment to the car. It was just a little bit loose and slightly to low."

Boutsen's disqualification lifting all the drivers originally placed third to 30th in the timings up one place.

● Real Madrid's striker Hugo Sanchez carries the 'Super Cup' followed by teammates Solana, Sanhis, Schuster and Mitcheli as they celebrate their victory over Barcelona on aggregate 3-2. Real lost their match at Barcelona on Thursday 2-1 but their 2-0 victory in the first leg ensured their triumph. (Reuter wirephoto)

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